



The Winchcombe School News Bulletin



Number 7: Summer Term

www.winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk

01635 232780

20 July 2023

Issued every 3 weeks (holidays excepted)

We have made it to the end of another school year! I just wanted to say thank you to all of our parents and carers, the wonderful Winchcombe staff and the Friends of The Winchcombe School for all the effort and support they have given over this year on behalf of our pupils. I hope you all have a lovely summer break. First day back for children is Tuesday 5th September.

We very sadly say goodbye to the following staff: Mrs Stock, who has been teaching here for 12 years; Mrs Peto who is going to be offering private piano tuition; Mr Hawkins who has been teaching here for 4 years and of course myself! I will miss the wonderful Winchcombe community immensely but am excited to be taking on my next role.

Congratulations to Mrs Smith in the school office who is getting married in August. She will become Mrs Curtis from September.

We also say goodbye and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 who are moving on to their secondary schools. May they all do well and go on to great things!

I would like to personally say a big, heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for all your support over my four years as head here – I will miss you all and it definitely hasn't been boring. I wish you all every happiness in the future.

We also would like to say a huge welcome to our new members of staff: Mr Matt Percy our new Headteacher, Mrs Jaggard, teaching in Acorns class, Mr Estdale teaching in Year 5, Mrs Ashley-Jones teaching in Year 3. Also joining us in TA roles are Mrs Agarwal, Mrs Al Jabri, Mrs Swati and lunch time controller Mrs Harvey.

Neil Pilsworth

Trips & Events:

Here are a few photos of events

Year 5 Greenham Control Tower



Foundation Stage

Bucklebury Farm



Beach Party



Year 4 Rushall Farm Camping / Roman Day



Whole School Fun Run



Eco Warriors Club poster made out of recycled materials



- ∞ **Year 6 Play:** The children sang and acted so amazingly well in their play "Paws and Claws". There were laughs and tears during every performance! Thank you to parents for coming along to support the children.
- ∞ **Meet the Teacher drop-in sessions:** For years 1 to 6, You are welcome to attend a very informal drop-in session in your child's new class, after school. We will confirm dates via text or email in September.
- ∞ **Year 6 BBQ and Awards:** Lots of parents turned up to the awards event yesterday. The children have had fun this morning signing polo shirts. We are so proud of our Year 6 pupils and wish them all well on their next stage of their educational journey. The Year 6 trophies were awarded as follows:

Winchcombe Achievement Cup	Phoebe Morbin	Winchcombe Music Cup	Eva Piper
Achievement Cup for Caring	Emily Eyre	Trinity Endeavour Cup	Jake Pearce
Winchcombe Citizenship Cup	Isla Hughes	Art Shield	Alice Rumens
Winchcombe Progress Cup	Luiz Da Silva	Values Cup	Kaya Ercan
Green Cup for Performing Arts	Callie Oliver	Mrs Mullinor's positivity award	Imogen Rumens
KS2 Achievement in Sport	Freddie Pearman	SAL Shield	Tyler Fairchild
- ∞ **SAL Coffee Morning:** The Speech & Language Resource had a lovely chance to catch up with parents at their coffee morning last week.
- ∞ **Charity Fun Run Day:** Thank you everyone - we have raised almost £640 for the two charities!
- ∞ **School Lunches:** Due to increase in production costs, School dinners will be £2.60 per meal for those in years 3 to 6. Parents of current year 2, please be mindful that you will need to pay from September.

Dates for 2023-24	
September	
Tuesday 5 th	First Day of Term
	Y1-6 – informal drop-in sessions in classes after school
Thursday 14 th	Seedlings & Saplings parents meeting @ 12:15
Tuesday 19 th	Y6 Swimming lessons commence
Wednesday 27 th	Whole School individual/siblings/family photos
October	
Thursday 19 th	Flu Immunisation Years R to 6
Half Term Holiday – Monday 24 th to Monday 31 st October inclusive	
November	
Mon 6 th - Fri 10 th	Y6 Residential Trip
Tues 14 th – 21 st	Scholastic Book Fair
December	
Wednesday 20 th	Last day of term – School finishes 1.15 pm
Christmas Holiday Thurs 21 st December – Fri 5 th January inclusive	