

The Winchcombe School News Bulletin



Number 2: Autumn Term www.winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk 01635 232780

21st October 2022

Issued every 3 weeks (holidays excepted)

- ∞ **Parents Evenings:** It was a pleasure to welcome our parents into the school for pupil progress meetings. We would like to thank our Year 6 helpers Jackson, Mabel, Archie, Callie, George, Jad, Archie and Molly, who worked tirelessly from 1 pm through to 7 pm. Several parents commented on how polite and professional they were.
- ∞ **New After School Clubs:** Extra-Curricular clubs are being run by staff in the second half of each term. Information has gone out by email containing links for each year group to sign up for these clubs. Please click on the link for your child's year group in order to make your choice. These clubs will be popular and not all children will get a place. Closing date for applications is Monday 31st October at 4 pm. Children who have places in clubs will come home with a slip.
- ∞ **Harvest Festival:** Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for the local Food Bank.
- ∞ **Newbury Weekly News First Class Photo:** On **3rd November** the First Class 2022 supplement is published, which includes a photo of our Reception year group. After this date, parents of Seedlings and Saplings are able to view the photo and buy a copy if you wish. Follow this link: <https://newburyweeklynews.zenfolio.com/>
- ∞ **School Photographer:** On Thursday 17th November the photographer will be in to take individual and sibling photos, so please ensure children come in full uniform. This includes those that have PE on a Thursday.
- ∞ **School Council:**

This term all the children have elected our new school council for this year. Vinayak, Darcey and Jake, our Year 6 council leaders recently had the opportunity to visit Newbury Town Hall. Their visit included a guided tour of the building to learn about some of the history of Newbury. They also got to hear about role of the Newbury Town Council and how they look after our town. The highlights of the visit included meeting Councillor Gary Norman, the current Mayor of Newbury and getting dressed up in the ceremonial council robes.



- ∞ **Friends of the Winchcombe School:**

The latest newsletter is being sent out with this bulletin. Please be sure to read as there are lots of events coming up this term.

Contact us on www.winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk/fows email: winchcombefriends@gmail.com Like and Follow us on [Facebook](#) or join our [group](#). Raise extra money for free by making your online purchases through [easyfundraising](#)

Upcoming Trips & Events:

- ∞ **Year 4 Roman Day:** We are also holding a workshop in school on Tuesday 15th November. Contribution and consent are live on School Money.
- ∞ **Year 5/6 Bikeability Course:** This is open to all year 5 children and any of the Year 6 children who did not take level 1 last year. This is an extra-curricular course on safe cycling and bicycle maintenance. It does have a cost of £20 to cover level 1 (24th November) and Level 2 (2nd week of March). This is payable on School Money. Letters and enrolment forms have been emailed and paper copies sent home.

- ∞ **Year 5 Egyptian Day Trip:** On Tuesday 29th November we are taking Year 5 to Ufton Court to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. Letters with more information have gone out and contribution/consent is live on School Money.
- ∞ **Year 6 Residential Trip:** It is not long before the children head off to Shropshire for a five-day multi-activity adventure. Please can we remind parents that the last payment is due on 3rd November. There is also the coach supplement of £20. Please also return the Offsite and Medical form.
- ∞ **Scholastic Book Fair:** This will be held after school every day from 15th to 21st November.
- ∞ **F2 SMILE meeting:** Thanks to those who have already attended our SMILE sessions – the next one is on 15th December at 1.30 pm.

Dates for 2022-23	
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 1st	Children back to school
Tuesday 1st	Prospective Parents Tours 9.30 – 12 noon
7th – 11th	Year 6 Manor Adventures Residential Trip
Thursday 10th	FOWS Bags2School collection
15th – 21st	Scholastic Book Fair every day 3-4 pm
Monday 14th	FOWS pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale after school.
Tuesday 15th	Y4 Roman Day (in school)
Thursday 17th	Individual & Sibling photos
Friday 18th	Children in Need Day (details to follow)
Thursday 24th	Year 5 (& some Y6) Bikeability Level 1
Tuesday 29th	Year 5 Egyptian Day Trip to Ufton Court
DECEMBER	
1st, 6th, 8th, 13th	PANTOMIME at Corn Exchange – Details to follow
Monday 5th	Foundation Stage Christmas Poems & Songs a.m. – details to follow
Thursday 8th	Christmas Jumper Day – donations for tombola
Friday 9th	FOWS Christmas Fair from 3.15pm – details to follow
Tuesday 13th	Y1&2 Nativity performance to parents a.m. – details to follow
Wednesday 14th	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15th	F2 SMILE session 1.30 pm Y1&2 Nativity to parents p.m. – details to follow
Tuesday 20th	Last Day of Term - Finish 1.15 pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Wednesday 21st Dec to Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023 inclusive	

Term Dates 2022-23

Term 2	Tuesday 1 st November 2022 – Tuesday 20 th December 2022 (Finish 1.15 pm)
Holiday	21/12/22 – 3/1/23
Term 3	Wednesday 4 th January 2023 – Friday 10 th February 2023
Holiday	11/02/23 – 17/02/23
Term 4	Monday 20 th February 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023 (Finish 1.15 pm)
Holiday	1/04/23 – 14/04/23
Term 5	Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26 th May 2023
Holiday	30/05/23 – 02/06/23
Term 6	Monday 5 th June – Thursday 20 th July 2023 (Finish 1.15 pm)

Please Note:

Days highlighted in red differ from the West Berkshire Council term dates

Bank holiday (School closed to pupils and staff)

Monday 1st May 2022