



Improving As One
Kindness, Respect, Courage, Curiosity

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Dear Families,

As we move closer to the end of the school year, the buzz around the school is growing, with the sounds of Year 6 practising their final performance, various sporting events, children showing curiosity about next year and lots of practising for the second part of our Sports Day, hopefully this time without the rain!

Attendance Overview

Number of Pupils	452	95%	On Target
Overall Attendance 2025/26	94.1%	92-94%	Needs Improving
Attendance for the last 5 days	92.8%	91%	Cause for Concern

Walking around the school, I continue to be proud of your wonderful children. As I have shared over the last few weeks, we have been really thinking about our values of respect and kindness, as well as thinking carefully about our school rules (which I have included below if you wish to have a discussion with your child about them). Every day, I am seeing so many examples of your children living these values, children showing respect for one another and for our school community by holding doors open, helping their friends, using polite manners and taking pride in their learning and environment.

One of our school rules is to keep our classrooms and school tidy and there has been a remarkable improvement throughout the whole school. From the lunchtime dining hall to the classrooms, children have been making a real effort and are showing real pride in our school. In fact, one member of our amazing cleaning team recently commented that they wondered whether the children had even been in their classroom that day because it was left so tidy!

Our school rules and values are about far more than what happens within the school. They are key skills for life. Learning to show respect, kindness, curiosity, and courage helps children build positive relationships, contribute to their communities and develop the confidence and character they will need throughout their lives.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these important values and rules at home.

Whole School Rules

- Keep the classroom and school tidy
- Safe walking
- One person, one voice
- Follow instructions
- Line up in silence
- Be ready to learn
- Kind hand, Kind feet

Hot Weather

With the weather forecast predicting extremely hot temperatures next week, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with sun cream already applied, a sun hat and a named water bottle. We will encourage children to stay hydrated throughout the day and will be taking extra precautions to keep everyone safe in the heat. To provide additional shade during breaktimes and lunchtimes, gazebos are



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being set up on the school field today. Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children comfortable and safe during the hot weather.

Trips

Yesterday, 26 of our children took part in The Junior Music Festival at The Hexagon. They performed a wonderful range of songs based around the theme of Making Waves and sang with great enthusiasm, confidence and energy throughout the concert. The children represented the school brilliantly and their hard work and commitment really shone through. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and made Miss Stringer, Mrs Papier and Mrs Hughes incredibly proud. Well done to all involved!

Additionally Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park. The children enjoyed seeing a variety of animals, including giraffes, rhinos and penguins. Being able to see all the animals we have been learning about in science in real life was very exciting! Everyone had a fantastic day exploring the park and making memories with their friends.

Sports

On Wednesday, 17 children from Yr3 & 4 competed in a full day of races in the Olympic Track Day at Greenham Common Athletics Track. They competed in races of 800m, 400m, 200m and 100m plus mixed and single gender relays as well for the last 3 distances. The event saw 117 children from 7 local schools taking part and with some of the races so tight there was only 5 points separating the top 3 schools! The Winchcombe School finished in 7th place with Battle School taking the win with 95 points. It was a great day with everyone pulling together and supporting from the sides too while their team mates were running. A big thanks again to Mr Jones and Mrs Weston for supporting Miss G, as well as Mrs Curtis and Mr Hughes driving the mini bus, well done all!



Word of the Week

Each week in assembly we share a new word, sound it out, spell it and discuss the meaning. As such it is always a regular feature on the HT Round up so that you can help support us over the following week. Some ideas could be to: spot phonics patterns put the word into a sentence, define the word, look it up, draw a picture of the word or ask them to explain how they have used it in class.

The word of the week for next week is: groan



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Upcoming Dates

June

24th Y2 Hayling Island

25th Mayan Day Y6 & Greek Day Y3

26th WWII Day Y5

26th Y1-3 Sports Morning AM

July

1st Steel Pans Assembly

6th Transition Morning

9th Y6 Play to Parents 1.30pm and 6pm

10th Y6 Play to Parents 9.30pm

14th Drumming Assembly

16th Y6 BBQ

17th Leavers Assembly 11am

17th End of Academic year 12:05pm

I wish all our families a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the sunshine and the time together, and thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Kind regards

Mrs Scarlett