



The Winchcombe School News Bulletin



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- ∞ **World Book Day:** Children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters and shared their books, read or listened to stories and participated in other fun book related activities. Local Author, Tim Furr hosted illustration workshops for years 2 and 3. Books will be available to order, or visit his shop, "ArtyFartyStuff" in the Kennet Centre. We have a few spare Book Day tokens if required.
- ∞ **Parents Evenings:** Thank you to parents and carers who came along to talk to their children's teachers about their progress and targets. We hope you found it valuable. A big thanks as well to the Year 6 volunteers who assisted with the smooth running on both evenings.
- ∞ **Current Vacancies:**
 - Lunch Time Controller** – 1.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, term time only. Hourly pay is £10.59, with a pay increase pending.
 - EYFS Learning Support Assistant** – we are looking for a member of support staff to join our school who preferably has experience and a passion for EYFS, a love of learning and the drive to improve themselves and others. Up to 30 hours per week TTO Grade B2 to C5 £13,985 – £14,761.Both positions have a closing date of Friday 17th March. Please email office@winchcombe.w-berks.sch.uk for an application pack or collect a paper copy from the school office.
- ∞ **New Playground Markings:** We would like to thank the Friends of Winchcombe for providing the funds to pay for some amazing new playground games that have been painted onto the playground areas. The children have already been playing on them! Do take a look at them on your way past.
- ∞ **FOWS Easter Disco:** We have sold lots of tickets for the discos on Friday 24th March. The arrangements on the day are as follows:
 - Acorns & Foundation:** 3.00pm - 4.00pm Children should **come to school wearing their own clothes for the disco**. They will be taken straight from class by staff. Pick up is from their usual classroom at 4pm or Phoenix Club if they are booked in.
 - Years 1 – 3:** 4.15pm - 5.15pm **Years 4 – 6:** 5.30pm - 6.30pm Children in Years 1 - 6 should be dropped off at their usual classroom at their disco start time and pick up will be from the same place. Children booked into Phoenix Club may bring their own clothes to change into. They will be taken to and from the disco by staff and pick-up will be from Phoenix Club as usual.
- ∞ **Sport/Matches:** The annual Cross-Country Competition is taking place on Tuesday 21st at the Newbury Showground. Please can we remind parents of those taking part that there will be NO transport back from the showground, so children will need to be picked up at 4.30 pm from there. There are also Y3/4 and Y5/6 Tag Rugby tournaments at Hungerford Rugby club on Friday 24th March. Again, parents will need to pick their children up from the venue at 3.30 pm.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

- ∞ **Foundation Stage Tea Party:** On Wednesday we are inviting mums (or another special person) to come and help us celebrate Mothers' Day from 1.15 – 1.45 pm.
- ∞ **Red Nose Day:** Next Friday 17th we invite children to come in to school wearing one RED item e.g. jumper, trousers, shoes or something on their head. Everything else to be school uniform please. Here is the link to our Just Giving donations page: [Red Nose Day 2023 Just giving donations page](#) No cash donations please!
- ∞ **Y5 to Trinity Drama Production:** On 22nd March we will be walking to Trinity with Year 5 to watch their production of High School Musical. As this is a local walk, we already have parents' permission on file and there is no cost involved.

- ∞ **Year 6 Bikeability Level 2:** Parents have been informed which days their child will be taking part. Please send them dressed appropriately for the weather conditions on that day, as they will still be going out even if it is cold and/or wet.
- ∞ **Year 1 Snelsmore Common Visit:** On Monday 20th March, we will be taking the children by minibuses to Snelsmore as an extension of their Forest Adventure.
- ∞ **Y2 Milestones Museum Trip:** Year 2 will be visiting the Living History Museum on Tuesday 28th March as part of our history curriculum where we are focusing on transport through the ages.
- ∞ **Foundation Stage 2 Walk to Newbury Museum:** Details to follow in the FS2 newsletter.
- ∞ **Y5 Swimming:** This is for 10 weeks on a Tuesday morning, commencing 25th April. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £29.50 to help cover the costs. More information will be sent out soon.

Dates for 2023	
March	
Wednesday 15th	Foundation Stage tea party to celebrate Mothers' Day 1.15 – 2.45 pm
Friday 17th	Red Nose Day – wear something red
Monday 20th	Y1 to Snelsmore Common
13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th	Y6 Bikeability training across 2 days for each child.
Tuesday 21st	Cross Country Competition at Newbury Showground
Wednesday 22nd	Y5 to Trinity to watch drama production a.m.
Thursday 23rd	Foundation Stage SMILE session @ 1.30 pm
Friday 24th	Y3/4 and 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Hungerford Rugby Club
Friday 24th	FOWS Discos
Tuesday 28th	Y2 to Milestones Museum
Thursday 30th	FS2 walk to Newbury Library
Friday 31st	Last Day of term – Finish 1:15 pm
EASTER HOLIDAY – 1st April to 17th April Inclusive	
April	
Tuesday 18th	First Day of summer term
Tuesday 25th	Y5 Swimming lessons start
May	
Monday 1st	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tues 2nd– Fri 5th	Travelling Book Fair
Friday 5th	King's Coronation Celebration Day – details to follow
Monday 8th	Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 26th	FS2 School nurse Height & Weight measurements
Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June Inclusive	

Term Dates 2022-23

Term 4	Monday 20 th February 2023 – Friday 31 st March 2023 (Finish 1.15 pm)
Holiday	1/04/23 – 17/04/23
Term 5	Tuesday 18 th 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)

Term Dates 2023-24

Term 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2023 – Thursday 19 th October 2023
Holiday	20/10/23 – 30/10/23
Term 2	Tuesday 31 st October 2023 – Wednesday 20 th December 2023 (Finish 1.15 pm)
Holiday	21/12/23 – 05/1/24
Term 3	Monday 8 th January 2024 – Friday 9 th February 2024
Holiday	12/02/24 – 16/02/24
Term 4	Monday 19 th February 2024 Wednesday 27 th March 2024 (Finish 1.15 pm)
Holiday	28/03/24 – 12/04/24
Term 5	Monday 15 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024
Holiday	27/05/24 – 31/05/24
Term 6	Monday 3 rd June 2024 – Wednesday 24 th July 2024 (Finish 1.15 pm)

Please Note:

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

Bank holidays (School closed to pupils and staff)

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 8th May 2023

Monday 6th May 2024