



# The Winchcombe School News Bulletin



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- ∞ **Staff Changes:** We are pleased to welcome two new members of support staff starting with us on Monday – Mrs Bedwell and Mrs Paterson. We are also sad to say goodbye to Miss Parsons who has been a valuable member of our support staff for 31/2 years. We wish her all the best in her new role.
- ∞ **Parents Evenings:** There are two evenings planned on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March for all years including Foundation Stage. On each day ALL children will need to be picked up at 15:00. This will give teachers time to prepare. Ten-minute slots will be available from 15:15 through to 17:55. Details will be emailed once they have been finalized. Booking will be available soon via Eduspot Parents Evening as usual.
- ∞ **Sickness and Medicines:** Please send your child in if they are well enough and do not have a temperature. In the case of sickness and/or Diarrhoea children MUST stay at home for 48 hours after the last bout. As stated in our recent email, we are not administering non-prescribed medicines such as calpol, paracetamol, ibuprofen in school except under exceptional circumstances. If your child has a prescription antibiotic, this should be administered outside of the school day.
- ∞ **PE Kit:** Children must wear the correct PE kit in school. This is a PE tee shirt with logo, black shorts, school jumper/cardigan, plain black jog bottoms/sport trousers, and trainers. No branded sportswear or hoodies etc. to be worn.
- ∞ **FOWS:** The Friends of Winchcombe School are holding the Annual General Meeting on Zoom, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 7pm. All are invited to join, to learn more about what funds were raised over the last year, how they plan to spend those funds, events and plans for 2023 and to share any ideas you have. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82976713022?pwd=UDIRQ2Zob1FqUitDaXVESkFsY3gydz09> is the link to join the meeting. If you are interested, please join in - no commitment is necessary but new ideas and feedback is valuable. They have also arranged another Bag 2 School drop off: Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories. (No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please). The more they weigh the more we get paid! Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit. Please return your Bag2School on: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 by 9am.
- ∞ **Sport/Matches:** Well done to our teams: Year 5/6 boys football team played on Tuesday against The Willows (2-1 win), Falkland (1-0 loss) and John Rankin (1-0 win). Year 5 boys and girls competed in an archery competition at Park House on Tuesday, taking part in a mix of archery events. Another team of year 6 football boys played against Francis Baily, winning the first game 4-0 and drawing the second game 1-1. Upcoming fixtures: U9 Boys FA football Skills League at Park House School on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February; Hockey Tournament at Park House School on 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- ∞ **St Gabriel's Y4 Maths Challenge:** We took 4 pupils to compete against at least 20 other local schools on Monday. They had a fun but challenging time with lots of problem-solving tasks. It is the turn of Year 5 next Friday, please wish them luck!

## ***Upcoming Trips & Events:***

- ∞ **Year 6 Bikeability Level 2:** The dates have changed slightly and sessions will take place on Monday and Tuesday for three consecutive weeks in March. Once groups have been established, we will notify parents of the day that their child needs to bring their bike and helmet to school. The cost is £10, which is payable on School Money.
- ∞ **Y3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip:** This is part of the Y3 topic "Through the Ages", focusing on the Stone Age and Bronze Age periods. Children will learn about archaeology, wattle, chalk carving and look at ancient artefacts. Please wear old, weatherproof and warm clothing and wellington boots as the site is mainly outdoors and can be quite muddy! The trip is next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

- ∞ **Y6 Reading Museum Trips:** As part of the History curriculum, we will be focusing on the industrial revolution and the impact of the Victorian era on life today. Birch and Spruce will be going on 22<sup>nd</sup> and Cedar on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please consent and pay on School Money.
- ∞ **Y2 Milestones Museum Trip:** Year 2 will be visiting the Living History Museum on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March as part of our history curriculum where we are focusing on transport through the ages.
- ∞ **World Book Day:** A letter will be emailed soon with more details.

<b>Dates for 2023</b>	
<b>February</b>	
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>U9 Boys Football match @ Park House after school</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Acorns SMILE session for parents @ 1.30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y3 Trip to Butser Farm</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y5 Maths Challenge @ St Gabriel's School</b>
<b>HALF TERM – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>FOWS AGM Zoom meeting @ 7pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Reading Museum Trip – Birch &amp; Spruce</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Parents Evening 1 of 2</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Reading Museum Trip - Cedar</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FOWS Bag 2 School drop off by 9 am.</b>
<b>March</b>	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Parents Evening 2 of 2</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>World Book Day – details to follow</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Hockey Tournament @ Park House</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> , 14<sup>th</sup> , 20<sup>th</sup> , 21<sup>st</sup> , 27<sup>th</sup> , 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y6 Bikeability training – full details to follow for participants</b>
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of term – Finish 1:15 pm</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY –1<sup>st</sup> to</b>	

### Term Dates 2022-23

Term 3	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>Holiday</b>	11/02/23 – 17/02/23
Term 4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 – <b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b> (Finish 1.15 pm)
<b>Holiday</b>	1/04/23 – <b>17/04/23</b>
Term 5	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
<b>Holiday</b>	30/05/23 – 02/06/23
Term 6	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 (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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Term Dates 2023-24

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