



# The Winchcombe School News Bulletin



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**Issued every 3 weeks (holidays excepted)**

- ∞ **Parents Evening:** We are now able to meet in person for the progress meetings. These take place in school between 1pm and 7 pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. The majority of parents have already booked slots online via Eduspot Parents Evening. If you have any problems logging in, please contact the school office who will be able to help. Please arrive in good time to allow time to have a look at your child's books before meeting. For after school slots, please only bring children if you do not have child care.
- ∞ **Comic Relief Day:** The school turned red today! Thank you for your generous donations to this charity today – our Just Giving page is open for donations until 20<sup>th</sup> March. [www.justgiving.com/The-Winchcombe-School](http://www.justgiving.com/The-Winchcombe-School)
- ∞ **Sports Fixtures:** The Y6 Hockey tournament went well – They won one, drew one and lost one game. The Y5&6 girls football team had a great outing - they were group winners with 3 wins, 1 draw and no losses. Well done to Ellie, Bethany, Layla, Amelia, Kirsty, Paige and Darcey. The Y5&6 boys team played really well but lost against Francis Baily in the knockout stages of the County cup. We are now practicing for the upcoming inter-schools Cross Country competition on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Newbury Showground.
- ∞ **World Book Day:** We loved seeing all the book characters come to life in school! KS1 had a great day with local author, Tim Furr who talked about his publications and did some illustrating with the children. Go to the Newbury Weekly News page to see photos of a group of our children.
- ∞ **One Way System:** Can we remind everyone that we are still operating a one-way system for drop off and pick up times: Enter school via the bike shed path and leave via the Phoenix club gate.
- ∞ **Nut Free School:** Due to several children and members of staff having a severe nut allergy, please ensure there are NO nuts or products containing nuts, in children's lunch boxes or break time snacks.
- ∞ **Phoenix Club:** There are currently morning and afternoon spaces available in the before and after school club for children in Reception year and above. More information and the registration forms are available on the website: [The Winchcombe School - The Phoenix Before & After School Club](http://TheWinchcombeSchool-ThePhoenixBefore&AfterSchoolClub) or from the school office. Parents will still be required to ring the doorbell when dropping off and picking up their children.
- ∞ **Friends of the Winchcombe School:**

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Like and Follow us on [Facebook](#) or join our [group](#). Raise extra money for free by making your online purchases through [easyfundraising](#)  
Thank you for your donations to Crazy Hair day – we raise £208 which we hope to double with match funding. If there are any parents who work for Vodafone or other companies that match fund, please get in touch so that we can access match funding.  
The winner of our poster competition for the Second-hand Uniform sale on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March was Alehandro in Birch class. We had an amazing amount of entries to choose from!  
Don't forget to drop your **Bags2School donations** into school on the morning of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Non-Uniform Day being held on the last day of this term - details to follow.

## **Upcoming Trips & Events:**

- ∞ **MNR Let Them Play Easter Holiday Camp:** There is a multi-activity camp and football camp run by MNR Coaching at Winchcombe during the Easter holidays. Please book directly with them. Visit [www.mnrcoaching.com](http://www.mnrcoaching.com) or email [holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com](mailto:holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com) or phone 07572398161.

- ∞ **Year 1 Trip to Snelsmore Common:** We are taking the children to the common on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April to look at signs of Spring, do observational drawings of flowers and minibeasts, take bark rubbings from trees and have a go at den building. More details to follow.
- ∞ **Year 2 Trip to the Living Rainforest:** We are looking forward to our visit and workshop on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Payment as always is via School Money, by this Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March please.
- ∞ **Year 4 Trip to Henley River & Rowing Museum:** They will be learning about the habitats and wildlife of the riverside through workshops and hand-on exploration of the nearby streams. Payment and consent is due by **today** please, via School Money. (Last swimming lesson is on 22<sup>nd</sup> March).
- ∞ **Year 5 Moon Buggies:** Year 5 will be making moon buggies in the lead up to Easter from recycled materials, so can you please start collecting small boxes to bring in to school.
- ∞ **Years 5 & 6 Shakespeare Afternoon:** As an extension of World Book Day, Years 5 and 6 will watch a performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by the Young Shakespeare Company, performed in school. A donation towards the cost of this is requested via School money by 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- ∞ **St Mary's Church, Shaw:** have asked us to let you all know that there is a special service for families on Mothering Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10 am. Also on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2.30 pm they have an Easter event, including an egg hunt, making an Easter Garden, hearing the Easter Story and refreshments.

<b>Dates for 2021-22</b>	
<b>HALF TERM – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February Inclusive</b>	
<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Cross Country Competition at Newbury Showground</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FOW Pre-Loved Uniform and book Sale after school</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y2 Trip to the Living Rainforest</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y4 Trip to Henley River &amp; Rowing Museum</b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parents Evening 1-7 pm at School</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Y1 Trip to Snelsmore Common</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Y5 &amp; 6 Shakespeare afternoon</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>FOWS Bag2School drop off</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of term – lunch time finish 1.15 pm FOW Non-Uniform Day</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April Inclusive</b>	
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Day of summer term</b>
<b>MAY</b>	
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>W/C Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 SATS week</b>
<b>HALF TERM – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Inclusive</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y4 overnight trip to Rushall Farm (TBC)</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SAL Resource Trip to Wellington Country Park</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y5 overnight trip to Woodland Ways (Details to follow)</b>
<b>JULY</b>	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last day of Term – lunch time finish 1.15 pm *</b>
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September Inclusive</b>	

\*Please note this is a day earlier than originally advertised.