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- ∞ **School Closure:** As you are all aware, for safety reasons the decision was taken to close the school today. So please everyone stay safe today and we hope you all enjoy the half term. We will see you all on Monday 28th February.
- ∞ **St Gabriel's Math's Challenge:** The eight children who represented Winchcombe in the Year 4 and Year 5 inter-school competitions last week had a fun but challenging time. One of our year 4 teams came first, and one of Year 5's teams came 3rd, so very well done to them all, they are a credit to the school!
- ∞ **Sports Fixtures:** final game 2-1. The Y3 Boys fixture at Park House took place on 7th February, and they played well against strong teams, reaching the final, which was played on 14th February. Although they did not win, they showed resilience and great team work and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
- ∞ **Year 1 Phonics:** We have recently sent home your child's Phonics assessments, together with a letter giving you the link to the Floppy Phonics website and the class log in details. If you did not receive this, please speak to the class teacher.
- ∞ **P.E. Kit:** On PE days children need to be in full school PE uniform including school jumper. Please no branded clothing. If for medical reasons, advised by the doctor, your child can not take part in a PE lesson please provide a letter written and signed by a parent/carer to inform the teacher. Children are unable to opt out of PE lessons for other reasons as it is part of the National Curriculum.
- ∞ **Mobile Phones:** Mobiles should **only** be brought into school by children who walk or cycle or meet parents outside school, as a means of communication to ensure their safety. **All** phones must be switched off and handed in to the school office for safe keeping during the school day. Parents must also complete the Mobile Phone agreement letter and hand in to the school office – copies available from the office or on the website: [The Winchcombe School - Useful forms](#)
- ∞ **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](#) or from the school office. Parents will still be required to wait outside when dropping off and picking up their children.
- ∞ **Foundation Stage Requests!** Please could all Foundation 1 and 2 children bring a spare set of clothes including pants and socks/tights into school! Can we also ask if anyone has any old or spare children's waterproof trousers or all-in-ones that they no longer need, please donate them to Foundation Stage.
- ∞ **Friends of the Winchcombe School:**

Find out about 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](#)
We raised £150 from the Virtual Quiz night which we hope to double with match funding. Everyone who took part had great fun. We will let you know how much we have raised for today's Wacky Hair Day very soon. For future events, see the newsletter sent out alongside this bulletin.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

- ∞ **MNR Let Them Play February Half Term Holiday Camp:** There is a multi-activity camp and football camp run by MNR Coaching at Winchcombe during the half term. Please book directly with them. Visit www.mnrcoaching.com or email holidaycamps@mnrcoaching.com or phone 07572398161.

- ∞ **World Book Day:** Children are invited to come to school dressed up as a book character and bring a book of their choice into class. Please note that dressing up in costume is optional. Throughout the day children will enjoy sharing stories and completing book activities – celebrating reading for pleasure. Your child will receive a World Book day token on the day. **Year 2 and year 3** children will participate in an illustration workshop hosted by a local children’s author Tim Furr. FOWS will also be holding a second hand book sale after school on front forecourt. Please bring book donations in to school during the week.
- ∞ **Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre:** This takes place on Monday 7th March, as part of our ‘Stargazers’ topic. We will visit the planetarium, take part in a workshop and spend some time enjoying the other exhibits. Payment of £10 and consent is due by 28th February, via School Money.
- ∞ **Year 6 Victorian Day:** We are taking the children to Reading Museum to experience life as a Victorian school child, and to learn more about the Huntley & Palmers factory. Payment and consent is due by 11th March, via School Money.
- ∞ **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 18th march, via School Money. (Last swimming lesson is on 22nd March).
- ∞ **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.

Dates for 2021-22	
HALF TERM – Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February Inclusive	
MARCH	
Thursday 3 rd	World Book Day – Dress as Book Characters
Thursday 3 rd	Y2 & 3 Local Author workshops
Thursday 3 rd	FOWS Book Sale from 3pm – book donations from 28th Feb to office
Monday 7 th	Y5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Thurs 10 th	FOWS Wacky Hair day
Friday 11 th	Y6 Victorian Day at Reading Museum
Friday 25 th	FOW Pre-Loved Uniform Sale after school
Tuesday 29 th	Y4 Trip to Henley River & Rowing Museum
APRIL	
Friday 1 st	Y5 & 6 Shakespeare afternoon
Thursday 7 th	Last Day of term – lunch time finish 1.15 pm FOW Non-Uniform Day
EASTER HOLIDAY – Friday 8th April – Monday 25th April Inclusive	
Tuesday 26 th	First Day of summer term
MAY	
Monday 2 nd	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June Inclusive	
JUNE	
6 th & 7 th	Y4 overnight trip to Rushall Farm (TBC)
16 th & 17 th	Y5 overnight trip to Woodland Ways (Details to follow)
JULY	
Wednesday 20 th	Last day of Term – lunch time finish 1.15 pm *
SUMMER HOLIDAY – Thursday 21st July – Monday 5th September Inclusive	

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

