



The Winchcombe School News Bulletin



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I would like to thank everyone including parents, carers, children and staff for being so supportive during this term! I so hope that you have a really good fun (and restful) Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Neil Pilsworth

- ∞ **School Dinners:** The dinners are now available to pre-order on School Money right up to the Easter Holidays when the menu will be reviewed.
- ∞ **Photographs:** You are able to order the portrait photos from www.creativeclickphotography.co.uk up until Christmas.
- ∞ **FOWS Christmas Fayre:** We have already sent out the FOWS newsletter by email, but would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Winchcombe committee and all their helpers as well as staff who gave up their time to help at the Fayre. The turnout was exceptional and we are happy to report that £2,123 was raised, which hopefully will be doubled with Match funding from our Vodafone parents. We would also like to thank everyone for the huge amount of donations to the tombolas and present wrapping stalls!
- ∞ **Pantomime at the Corn Exchange:** Everyone had an amazing time watching Jack and the Beanstalk. Thank you to FOWS for helping fund the tickets and ice creams. Thanks once again to the FOWS for subsidizing this trip.
- ∞ **Travelling Book Fair:** We are so pleased with how popular the book fair was in November. We made an incredible £435 in commission which will be spent on upgrading reading scheme and library books. We will be holding a half price book fair in May.
- ∞ **Foundation Stage Christmas Songs:** The children performed beautifully at St Mary's Church to their parents recently. Thank you to all who helped us to prepare for this event.
- ∞ **KS1 Nativity Play:** We hope everyone enjoyed watching the children in their play "Prickly Hay" – they certainly sang their hearts out!



Foundation Stage Christmas Songs



KS1 Prickly Hay

- ∞ **Staff Leavers:** We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Lunnon who has been supporting a 1:1 pupil; we wish her well in her new position. We also send our good wishes to Miss Cox who is taking Maternity leave as she is expecting her second baby.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

- ∞ **SAL Trip:** The Speech & Language Resource children will be visiting the Portsmouth aquarium on 16th January.

- ∞ **Year 4 Swimming in Spring Term:** Year 4 will commence weekly swimming lessons on Tuesday 10th January for ten weeks. Children will need to bring kits weekly and ensure they have a warm coat as they will be walking to Northcroft and back. There is a cost for this which is now live on School money and a Forms consent letter has been sent out.
- ∞ **Year 6 Bikeability:** The children who have already gained their Level 1 Bikeability will be taking Level 2 in March. This will involve on-road riding and bike maintenance. We will add the payment of £10 to School money in the new year.
- ∞ **Year 3 Trip:** We are organizing a trip to Butser Farm for 8th February. More details to follow next term.

Dates for 2023	
JANUARY 2023	
Wednesday 4th	First day of Spring Term
Monday 9th	Street Dance Workshops Years 2 - 6
Tuesday 10th	Y4 Swimming Lessons start at Northcroft
Monday 16th	SAL trip to Portsmouth Aquarium
Monday 16th	Street Dance Workshops Year 1 & F2
Wednesday 18th	FS2 Orthoptist Visions Screening
Weeks of 23rd and 30th	FS2 Bikeability balance workshops – details to follow
February	
Wednesday 8th	Y3 Trip to Butser Farm – details to follow
HALF TERM – Monday 13th to Friday 17th February	
March	
13th – 16th & 20th – 21st	Y6 Bikeability training – details to follow
Friday 31st	Last Day of term – Finish 1:15 pm
EASTER HOLIDAY -	

Term Dates 2022-23

Term 3	Wednesday 4 th January 2023 – Friday 10 th February 2023
Holiday	11/02/23 – 17/02/23
Term 4	Monday 20 th February 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023 (Finish 1.15 pm)
Holiday	1/04/23 – 14/04/23
Term 5	Tuesday 18th 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)

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

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)

Monday 6th May 2024