

The Winchcombe School News Bulletin



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- ∞ **Photographs:** We had the photographer in last Thursday and they made a point of telling us how brilliant and well behaved the children were. For those who missed out due to absence, they will be back in school again on the morning of **Wednesday 30th November**. The photo order cards are coming home today or Monday. They detail how to order and your child's special code. The ordering portal should be ready but please be patient if not.
- ∞ **School Dinners:** We have added the rest of the term's dinners to School Money for pre-ordering. You will see on 8th December there will only be picnic bag choices available, because the panto timing on that day causes operational limitations in the kitchen that day. In addition, we request that children order **ONLY** the picnic bag option on the day that they go to the panto, or bring their own packed lunch, as they will be late back on these mornings.
- ∞ **Christmas Dinner:** This is on **Wednesday 14th December**. If you usually pay for lunches, the cost is £3. The choice is roast Turkey with trimmings, or a Veggie parcel with veggie sausage and trimmings. Pudding is Ice-cream and shortbread or Christmas crumble and custard. Please log on to Schoolmoney to pre-order by **Thursday 1st December**. This gives the kitchen time to order the food.
- ∞ **Remembrance Day:** on Friday 11th we held a 2-minute silence. Classes made poppies which were put on display on our forecourt gardens. Year 5 visited Parkway to mark the occasion and met some historical war experts. They learnt about the role of the Home Guard and also about communication devices and weapons that were used during the war.
- ∞ **Year 6 Residential Trip:** Thank you to our staff who accompanied and took care of the Year 6 children. They had a truly amazing time and got to try out activities such as canoeing and kayaking, high ropes, low ropes, zip wire, climbing wall and abseiling, shooting and archery.
- ∞ **Year 4 Roman Day:** The children had a great day learning about the ancient Romans and had fun becoming romans for the day, using costumes and props provided by Robbie the Roman.
- ∞ **Governors:** The Winchcombe School Governing Board is looking for committed co-opted governors to join our team. We are looking for people with enthusiasm, time, and flexibility to contribute effectively to the role. There is no requirement to understand the education system. Governors just need to have life skills, the time to share their experience, an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions. Above all, governors have to have a genuine interest in supporting the school and helping us to achieve the best outcomes for children. Access to training and information to build on existing skills or to develop new ones will be available, as well as support from the Clerk and other members of the board.
You do not have to be parent of a pupil at The Winchcombe School, we would like to hear from grandparents or anyone from the local community. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please visit our website or contact the Clerk to Governors, Mrs Skinner, via the school office.
- ∞ **Parking:** Some parents may not be aware that Shaw Social club have temporarily agreed to allow parents to park in their car park for drop off and pick up. This helps to alleviate the problems with traffic in Maple Crescent and the surrounding roads.
- ∞ **Friends of the Winchcombe School:**
Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 8th December. Children can wear uniform but with a Christmas jumper on, in return for a tombola prize, for the **Christmas Fayre**, which is on Friday 9th December from 3.15 – 5 pm.
Contact 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](#)

Upcoming Trips & Events:

- ∞ **Year 5/6 Bikeability Course:** Level 1 takes place tomorrow, Thursday 24th November during the school day. Level 2 takes place in March 2023. This is an extra-curricular course on safe cycling and bicycle maintenance. Payment for this is £20, payable by 24th February, however, earlier payments are preferable where possible.
- ∞ **Year 5 Egyptian Day Trip:** On Tuesday 29th November we are taking Year 5 to Ufton Court to learn about the Ancient Egyptians. Contribution/consent is live on School Money.
- ∞ **Pantomime Trips:** We are looking forward to the whole school (Reception upwards) experiencing the pantomime at the Corn Exchange during December. We are having to go over four separate days. See calendar below for your child's year group date. The children are all given a vanilla ice-cream during the morning – if your child is not allowed ice-cream, please send a suitable small snack in with them on the morning and let the teacher know. The FOWS have kindly subsidized this trip, and payment of £8 is requested via School Money.
- ∞ **KS1 Christmas Play:** Rehearsals are in full swing for our play "Prickly Hay". Tickets will be available during next week – due to health & safety and audience comfort, tickets will be initially limited to 2 per family over the two performances. Should there be spares, these will become available closer to the performances on a first come first served basis.
- ∞ **FS Christmas Songs:** We will be practising in St Mary's church on afternoon of 30th November. Reminder to send children to school in their sparkly/festive clothes for their dress rehearsal to the rest of school on Friday 2nd December. The performance will be on the morning of Monday 5th December.
- ∞ **FS2 SMILE meeting:** Thanks to those who have already attended our SMILE sessions – the next one is on 15th December at 1.30 pm.

Dates for 2022-23	
NOVEMBER	
Monday 21st	Scholastic Book Fair last day 2.30 – 4 p.m.
Thursday 24th	Year 5 (& some Y6) Bikeability Level 1
Friday 25th	Year 6 walk to St Mary's church for Christmas workshop.
Tuesday 29th	Year 5 Egyptian Day Trip to Ufton Court
Wednesday 30th	Photographer in for absentee photos
Wednesday 30th	Foundation Stage practising songs at St Mary's Church.
DECEMBER	
Thursday 1st	PANTOMIME at Corn Exchange – 10 a.m. - Years 2 & 3
Monday 5th	Foundation Stage Christmas Poems & Songs 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday 6th	PANTOMIME at Corn Exchange – 10 a.m. - Years 4 & 5
Tuesday 6th	Last Y6 Swimming
Thursday 8th	PANTOMIME at Corn Exchange – 10 a.m. Years - Reception & 1
Thursday 8th	Christmas Jumper Day – donations for tombola
Friday 9th	FOWS Christmas Fayre from 3.15pm – 5.00 p.m.
Tuesday 13th	Y1&2 Nativity performance to parents - 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday 13th	PANTOMIME at Corn Exchange – 10 a.m. – Year 6
Wednesday 14th	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15th	Y1&2 Nativity to parents 1.30 p.m.
Thursday 15th	F2 SMILE session 1.30 pm
Tuesday 20th	Last Day of Term - Finish 1.15 pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Wednesday 21st Dec to Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023 inclusive	

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 holiday (School closed to pupils and staff)

Monday 1st May 2022