

The Winchcombe School News Bulletin



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Welcome back to all our families. This term looks to be full of exciting experiences – at long last we are able to offer trips and you will see there are several planned. SATS are going ahead, so learning continues apace in preparation. We anticipate that our attendance figures will improve as Covid restrictions are now lifted – please ensure all children come to school on time, ready for their learning (registration is 8:50 sharp) and only keep them at home if they are too unwell to be in school.

∞ **Parents Evening:** We would like to thank everyone who came along to parents' meetings last term – it was lovely to be able to speak to you all in person.

∞ **Sports Fixtures:** In the latter half of last term the Tag Rugby team played 3 games in a mini-tournament. Although they did not win any, they really enjoyed the challenge and played well. We then took 30 KS2 children to the showground in March to the annual inter-school cross country competition. There were around 300 runners in each race and every child did their very best. A special mention to Mabel who came 19th in her category.



∞ **Trip Cancellation:** Reminder: Woodlands Way Camping Trip, June 2022, has been cancelled due to insufficient voluntary contributions. The School is keen to offer trips and extra-curricular activities to enhance the learning experience of all pupils. These trips are carefully costed out and best value is sought at all times. We rely on contributions from parents to fund these trips but sadly, the school is no longer in a position to make up the shortfall should insufficient contributions be received to cover the cost of the trip.

∞ **Picnic Bag Option:** Now that weather is better, from next Tuesday children from years 2 to 6 who order a picnic bag will be allowed to take it outside to eat.

∞ **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.

∞ **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.

∞ **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](#)

FOWS Lottery – see separate email today with details of how to join in – it is our first draw tomorrow (Saturday 30th!)

Recent fundraising: We raised £128 from Bags2School, £190 from the Easter non-uniform day and £64 for the Easter Egg Hunt - we hope the participants enjoyed their prizes! We need more good quality second-hand school uniform, especially girls red check gingham dresses and larger size of jumpers/cardigans. Please bring laundered items into the reception area.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

∞ **Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo:** As part of our topic this term of "Paws, Claws and Whiskers", we are taking the children to Marwell to learn about the animals and their various habitats. Payment is by School Money by 13th May please.

∞ **Foundation Stage Trip to Finkley Down Farm:** We are looking forward to our visit to meet the animals on Wednesday 18th May. Payment as always is via School Money, by 11th May please.

- ∞ **Speech & Language Resource (SAL) Trip:** The children in the resource will be travelling by minibus to Wellington Country park for a day out on Friday 17th June. Payments are on School Money.
- ∞ **Year 4 Overnight Trip to Rushall Farm:** We are excited to be able to take Year 4 camping at nearby Rushall Farm. We leave in the morning of Monday 6th June and return on Tuesday 7th afternoon. More information will be given to parents at a meeting in the hall on Monday 3rd May at 3.30 pm. Consent and the first installment of £25 is due by Friday 6th May. We are sending home a medical and consent form today to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Dates for 2021-22	
MAY	
Monday 2 nd	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 3 rd	Y4 Rushall Farm Information meeting for parents 3.30 pm
W/C Mon 9 th	KS2 SATS week
W/C Mon 16 th	Y2 SATS week
Monday 16 th	Y6 “Moving Up” photo for Newbury Weekly News
Wednesday 18 th	Foundation Stage Trip to Finkley Down Farm
Friday 20 th	Y1 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 26 th	Class photos – all children in school uniform please.
HALF TERM – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June Inclusive	
JUNE	
6 th & 7 th	Y4 overnight trip to Rushall Farm
Monday 13 th	Y5 Rowan Class to Greenham Control Tower (Details to follow)
Friday 17 th	SAL Resource Trip to Wellington Country Park
Tuesday 21 st	Y5 Day at Trinity
Monday 27 th	Y5 Cedar class to Greenham Control Tower (Details to follow)
Monday 27 th	Reception year Height & Weight measurements
Monday 27 th	Y3 “Greek” Day workshops in school (Details to follow)
Tuesday 28 th	Y6 “Mayan” Day workshops in school (Details to follow)
JULY	
Monday 4 th	Y6 Trinity & St Bartholomew’s Transition day
Wednesday 6 th	Y6 Trinity Transition day 2
Tuesday 7 th	New Foundation Stage 2 parents meeting 6-7pm
Monday 11 th	Y5 Sycamore Class to Greenham Control Tower (Details to follow)
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 to take into account the extra Jubilee bank holiday.

Term Dates 2022-23

Term 1	Tuesday 6 th September 2022 – Friday 21 st October 2022
Holiday	22/10/22 – 31/10/22
Term 2	Tuesday 1 st November 2022 – Tuesday 20 th December 2022 (Finish 1.15 pm)
Holiday	21/12/22 – 3/1/23
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 31 st March 2023 (Finish 1.15 pm)
Holiday	1/04/23 – 14/04/23
Term 5	Tuesday 18 th 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