West Winch Primary School

NEWSLETTER

November 2026

Welcome Back and Thank You!



A very warm welcome back to everyone after the October half-term break. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday and managed to do some fun things, especially with the lovely autumn weather we were fortunate to have.

One of the highlights of last half-term for me was taking a group of our Year 6 boys to a football tournament at North Wootton Primary School. It was a perfect autumnal afternoon and the boys were impeccably behaved throughout, representing West Winch Primary School brilliantly. Although they didn't win the tournament overall, I was incredibly proud of the sportsmanship, teamwork and resilience they showed.

Another wonderful event was our Harvest Festival. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the food bank. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, particularly in the current climate and will make a real difference to local families in need.

We are very much looking forward to another exciting month ahead. We will be supporting ***Children in Need***, a charity that is close to many of our hearts and our School Council and Year 6 pupils are busy planning the ***West Winch Winter Wonderland*** event. We hope as many families as possible will come along and join in the festive fun. Everyone is welcome!

Staffing Updates



The more observant amongst you may have noticed that Mrs Parker-Colman is back! After leaving us for all of two days, she decided that her heart lies in working with children and that she missed being part of the West Winch team, so we are delighted to welcome her back.

Later this month, we will also be welcoming two new Teaching Assistants to our school. Miss Appleton will be joining our Specialist Provision to work alongside Mrs Delph and Miss Strutt will be supporting pupils in Year 2.

We will also be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Potts, who is leaving us to take up a promotion at a school closer to home. Mrs Potts has been with us for just over four years and has been an incredibly important member of our Teaching Assistant team. She will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils, but we wish her every success and happiness in her exciting new role.

New Autumn/Winter School Lunch Menu



We're excited to launch our new Autumn/Winter 2026–2027 school lunch menu this next half of the term!

The updated menu sees the return of some much-loved favourites, alongside our usual popular options. The meals are not

only delicious and nutritious, but also a great way to ensure your child enjoys a warm, balanced meal in the middle of the school day – especially as the colder weather sets in.

A reminder that **school lunches are free for all children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2**. For children in **Years 3 to 6**, lunches are available at a cost of **£2.70 per day**.

Special Bonfire Lunch – Thursday 5th November 2026



SCHOOL COUNCIL CHARITY EVENTS: Poppy Appeal & BBC Children in Need

Our brilliant School Council have organised two charity events in November, which they would love you to support if you are able to.

We are once again supporting the ***Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal***. In the run-up to Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November, children will be able to buy poppies during break and lunchtimes from this week.

There's no set price – please donate as you feel appropriate. If your child would like to take part, they're welcome to bring a donation into school.

Thank you for helping us to support this important cause.



To support ***Children in Need***, your children are encouraged to come to school wearing their dottiest or spottiest-ever clothes (or non-uniform) on Friday 13th November.

A **£1 donation** for *Children in Need* would be much appreciated – paid for in the usual way via *My Child at School*.

Drumming Lessons Now Available!

We are delighted to share that the ***Music Service*** is now able to offer **drumming lessons** at West Winch Primary School.

If your child is interested in learning to play the drums and would like to take part in lessons, please contact Mrs Clark in the main school office for further information about availability and how to sign up.



We look forward to seeing more of our children develop their musical talents through this exciting new opportunity.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER: West Winch Winter Wonderland – Friday 20th November



Our School Council and Year 6 pupils have joined forces to organise a ***Winter Wonderland*** event at school on Friday 20th November and we would love to see as many families there as possible.

The event will begin at 2:00pm and parents are welcome to collect their children at this time and enjoy the afternoon together. There will be a range of festive stalls selling crafts made by the children, as well as games, a raffle, refreshments and much more.

If you are planning to collect your child early to attend the event together, please email your child's class teacher in advance so they are aware. On the afternoon, staff will bring children to the main reception area where they can be collected.

To raise additional funds and help get everyone into the Christmas spirit, all children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on the day in exchange for a **£1** donation to the School Council and Year 6.

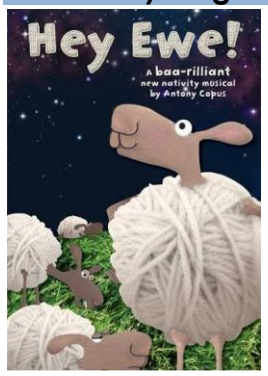
Everyone is welcome, so please come along and support what promises to be a fantastic community event. We look forward to welcoming you to our Winter Wonderland!

St. Mary's Church – Christmas Card Competition

All children will be taking part in the **Christmas Card Design Competition**, which has been kindly organised by St. Mary's Church in West Winch. The children will design their card in class, with the focus on 'any aspect of the Nativity story'. The lucky winner from each class will win a £10 gift token and each of the seven winning designs will be used as the front of a Christmas Card, which will be distributed to local houses in West Winch.



EYFS & Key Stage 1 Christmas Production – *Hey Ewe!*



Tickets for the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas performances of ***Hey Ewe!*** on Thursday 10th December at 10am and 2:15pm will be available to book via *My Child at School* from Monday 16th November (available under the 'products' tab).

Tickets will cost **£2 each**, which covers the cost of the licence fee. Due to fire regulations, we can only accommodate a certain number of seats in the hall, so tickets will be limited to 2 per family – please remember that tickets will also be required for any younger children attending the performances. All children in school will be watching the dress rehearsal.

School Christmas Lunch

Our annual **School Christmas Lunch** will take place on Wednesday 9th December. This year's menu will include all the traditional trimmings: roast chicken with a cocktail sausage (or festive vegetable pastry 'cracker'), stuffing, a Yorkshire pudding and gravy, served with roast potatoes, carrots and peas. Dessert will be a festive



gingerbread biscuit. No packed lunches or other meal choices will be available on this day. Please don't forget that all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will receive this meal for FREE! The usual price of £2.70 applies to children in all other year groups.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) as part of Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE)



Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) enables our children to become healthy, safe, independent and responsible members of society. We use the Norfolk RSE syllabus, which aims to help children understand how they are developing personally and socially and tackles many of the moral, social and cultural issues that are part of growing up. RSE is a mandatory subject, which is part of the National Curriculum and it is taught as part of our PSHE programme of work.

We assure you that our teaching will be sensitive, respectful, and tailored to the needs of your child. Our aim is to create a safe and supportive learning environment where children feel comfortable asking questions and seeking guidance. Pupils will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and in an age-appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected and no one will be asked to reveal personal information.

You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school. We also welcome any questions or concerns that you may have, and we are happy to provide further resources or support as needed.

If you would like more details about the work that your child will be covering this academic year in RSE (as part of PSHE), please contact your child's class teacher via their usual email address.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Fundraising Scheme: My School Fund

We would like to remind you that we have signed up to ***My School Fund*** and we invite you to register so you can also start enjoying rewards for yourself.

MY SCHOOL FUND

It's easy to do: You can find out more information and sign up for *My School Fund* HERE.

Sainsbury's

My School Fund is an exciting initiative that combines the spending power of parents, guardians, school/nursery staff and other individuals to help boost school and nursery budgets.

It's free for schools and nurseries to register and individuals connected to the school can earn cashback rewards on their behalf as well as pocketing some for themselves when they spend with participating retailers, including Sainsbury's and Argos.

By registering, individuals can link their spend to their chosen school or nursery, meaning every time they make a purchase with participating retailers, both will benefit through this innovative cashback scheme.

For every £1 spent with participating retailers, 1% will go to the school or nursery (terms and conditions apply) and 2% will go to the individual. Over time, this figure will add up and can be redeemed in the form of e-gift cards that can be spent online or in-store with participating retailers.

Argos

Cashback earned is redeemed in the form of e-gift cards that can be accessed by logging into your account on the *My School Fund* website.

We really appreciate your support with this scheme and we hope you enjoy spending your rewards!

School Crossing Patrol Consultation



After many years of dedicated service, our School Crossing Patrol Officer, Barbara, retired at the end of October 2026. We would like to thank Barbara for her commitment to helping our children and families cross safely and wish her a long and happy retirement.

As part of Norfolk County Council's School Crossing Patrol policy, Barbara's retirement has triggered a review of the crossing patrol provision outside the school. No decision has been made at this stage. The Council is consulting with the school community and local residents to gather feedback before considering the future of the patrol.

Parents, carers and members of the community are encouraged to share their views. Feedback can be submitted directly to **charlotte.hayter@norfolk.gov.uk**.

Christmas Mini Photoshoots



We are delighted to be offering **Christmas Mini Photoshoots** at school in late November/early December (dates to be confirmed). They will be led by Sharmane, founder of ***Xiarm Films & Photography***, who brings many years of professional photography experience.

There is no session fee for families. Each child will enjoy a festive mini photoshoot, after which families will be able to view the photographs in a private online gallery and purchase any digital images they wish for **£15 each**, with no obligation to buy. Sibling photographs can also be requested.

Families who have registered, will be allocated a specific timeslot for their child's photoshoot. Please arrive a few minutes before your allocated time to help the sessions run smoothly.

If you have not yet registered your interest, there is still time for your child to take part. Please complete the Christmas Mini Photoshoots Interest Form as soon as possible, including any requests for sibling photographs, so that we can finalise arrangements and timeslots.

If you have already completed the form, thank you. There is nothing more you need to do at this stage.

We look forward to capturing some wonderful festive memories!

Class Email Addresses – Important Reminder

Here are the class email addresses, just to remind you:

Reception (Mrs Schade) - reception@westwinch.norfolk.sch.uk
Year 1 (Mr Hazel) - year1@westwinch.norfolk.sch.uk
Year 2 (Miss Woolf) - year2@westwinch.norfolk.sch.uk
Year 3 (Mrs Clow) - year3@westwinch.norfolk.sch.uk
Year 4 (Miss Stone) - year4@westwinch.norfolk.sch.uk
Year 5 (Mrs Guy/Mrs Chatzidimitriou) - year5@westwinch.norfolk.sch.uk
Year 6 (Mrs Donnor) - year6@westwinch.norfolk.sch.uk



We would also like to remind you about the purpose of your child's class email addresses. These email accounts are designed for **everyday messages only** including:

- General enquiries about classroom activities
- Sharing information about your child
- Day-to-day communication needs
- Administrative questions

Medication



Please don't forget that we need your signed permission and any relevant instructions before administering any medication to your child(ren) in school. Medication forms should ***always*** be completed at the main school office. This form is checked and signed by the Headteacher and then passed directly to our trained first aid staff, who will be checking and administering any medication in school. Please do not give medication to members of staff at any other time.

Attendance Matters – *October Update*

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	98.18%
Year 1	97.67%
Year 2	97.86%
Year 3	96.49%
Year 4	96.66%
Year 5	97.83%
Year 6	95.1%
Whole school	97.14%

We would like to congratulate our **Year R** children for achieving the school's highest attendance during October of **98.18%.** As winners of the highest attendance for last month, Mrs Schade will be speaking with the class to negotiate what treat they would like as their prize. Well done for your fantastic attendance – we're proud of you!

After-School Clubs

The table below details the ***After-School Clubs*** running this half-term, starting the week commencing Monday 2nd November.

In addition to our range of extracurricular clubs, we continue to offer our ***Breakfast Club,*** which runs daily from 8:00am and includes breakfast for all children attending, as well as, our ***Afternoon Club***, which runs each day from 3:15pm to 4:30pm, providing families with an additional childcare option at the end of the school day.

At the end of the school day, children attending a club will be taken directly to the school hall and will not need to be collected at the usual home time. Our free after-school clubs will finish at 4:00pm and children should be collected from the main reception. Children attending any other after-school clubs will finish at 4:15pm, while those attending Afternoon Club will remain in the club until 4:30pm and should also be collected from the main reception. Please ensure collection arrangements are up-to-date, as this will make for a smooth handover.

Date	Time	Club
Monday 2nd November – Monday 7th December	3:15pm – 4:15pm	EYFS & KS1 Tag Rugby
Tuesday 3rd November – Tuesday 8th December	3:15pm – 4:00pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Scratch
Wednesday 4th November – Wednesday 9th December	3:15pm – 4:00pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Seasonal Arts & Crafts

Wednesday 4th November – Wednesday 9th December	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS1 Tamion's Forest School
Wednesday 4th November – Wednesday 9th December	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2 Tag Rugby
Thursday 5th November – Thursday 10th December	3:15pm – 4:00pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Lego
Thursday 5th November – Thursday 10th December	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2 Lacrosse
Thursday 5th November – Thursday 10th December	3:15pm – 4:15pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics

Bookings for all clubs can be made via *My Child at School* (either directly or via a link) as soon as the clubs are organised – so please keep an eye out for more information on future clubs as this half-term progresses. ***Please note that, unfortunately, refunds cannot be issued for clubs run by external providers once they have been booked and paid for.***

Contact Details

If your contact details have changed recently (e.g. a new mobile telephone number or email address), please make sure we have the latest details in the school office, in case of emergency.



With warm regards,

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ANNUAL DIARY DATES

November 2026 – July 2027

Please note: As these dates are given well in advance, they may be subject to change. Additions or alterations are marked in RED.

Month	Date & Event
November	2nd – Return to school Monday 2nd November-Monday 7th December – EYFS & KS1 Tag Rugby 3rd – Flu Immunisations (YR – Y6) 3rd – Y2, Y5 & Y6 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) Tuesday 3rd November-Tuesday 8th December – Scratch club 4th – Year 3 King's Lynn Museum trip 4th – Y2, Y5 & Y6 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm) Wednesday 4th November-Wednesday 9th December – EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Seasonal Arts & Crafts Wednesday 4th November -Wednesday 9th December – KS1 Tamion's Forest School Wednesday 4th November-Wednesday 9th December – KS2 Tag Rugby Thursday 5th November – Thursday 10th December – Lego club Thursday 5th November – Thursday 10th December – KS2 Lacrosse Thursday 5th November – Thursday 10th December – Gymnastics 5th – HSL Cake Sale 9th – YR & Y3 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 10th – YR & Y3 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm) 11th – Year 5 Space Centre trip 11th – Y1 & Y4 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 12th – Y1 & Y4 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm) 13th – HSL Christmas card order deadline 13th – Children in Need 20th – Winter Wonderland (2pm) 25th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am) 26th – Mini Photshoots
December	3rd – Flu Immunisations – 'mop up' (YR – Y6) 7th – HSL Breakfast with Father Christmas event 9th – Christmas lunch 10th – Christmas Play (EYFS/KS1) 11th – Year R Church Farm trip 15th – Pantomime (morning) 16th – Year 1 Holkham Hall trip

	17th – Christmas at the church (9:30am – YR, Y1 & Y2 11am – KS2) 18th – End of term
January	4th – Return to school 14th – HSL Dress as your pet day 27th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am)
February	4th – YR vision and hearing 11th – HSL Bingo Night 12th – End of half term 22nd – Return to school 22nd – YR, Y3 & Y5 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 23rd – YR, Y3 & Y5 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm) 24th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am) 24th – Y1 & Y4 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 25th – Y1 & Y4 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm)
March	1st – Y2 & Y6 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 2nd – Y2 & Y6 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm) 4th – World Book Day 18th – HSL Disco 19th – Comic Relief Day 24th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am) 25th – Easter services at the church (9:30am – YR, Y1 & Y2 11am – KS2) 25th – HSL Cake Sale 25th – End of term
April	12th – Return to school 28th – Open classroom (8:30-8:45am) 30th – HSL Games Race Night
May	2nd – GEAR Mini Run 3rd – Bank holiday 7th – Group photos 10th – SATs week (Monday – Thursday) 12th – 19th – Scholastic Book Fair 26th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am) 28th – HSL Colour Run (TBC) 28th – End of half term
June	7th – Return to school 8th – New Parents' Meeting (2:00pm) 11th – HSL Frozen Friday 18th – Summer Fair 22nd – Open afternoon (1:15pm-2:15pm) 25th – HSL Frozen Friday 30th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am)
July	1st – Sports Day (EYFS/KS1 – am, KS2 – pm) 2nd – Reserve Sports Day (EYFS/KS1 – am, KS2 – pm) 2nd – Reports sent home 2nd – HSL Frozen Friday 5th – Last week of after-school clubs 8th – Year 6 Paddington the Musical trip 9th – HSL Frozen Friday 12th– Class swap afternoon

	15th – Leavers' assembly 15th – End of the year