

West Winch Primary School

NEWSLETTER

July 2026



Celebrating Another Wonderful Year!

Thank You
**FOR A
WONDERFUL
SCHOOL YEAR!**
Have a great summer

As we approach the end of another busy and successful academic year, I have been reflecting on one of the things that makes West Winch Primary School so special: our community.

Schools thrive when staff, pupils and families work closely together and I feel incredibly fortunate to lead a school with such a supportive, generous and engaged parent body. This was particularly evident last week during the heatwave, when we had an overwhelming response to our request for ice lolly donations. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity – it really helped keep our children refreshed and comfortable.

While some may think schools begin to slow down at this time of year, at West Winch, we do the opposite – we wind up! June and July are filled with exciting events and it has been wonderful to see so many of you at these occasions.

Our Summer Fair was a real highlight, bringing everyone together in a lovely celebration of our school community. Thank you to the HSL for their time, energy and enthusiasm in making it such a success. Miss Austin also organised a fantastic Arts Week, which ended beautifully with the dance performance and art exhibition at the fair – thank you to her for all her hard work.

We are very much looking forward to Sports Day on Thursday and hope you can join us. Thank you to our PE team – Miss Williams, Mr Hazel, Mrs Turner and Mrs Misangyi – for preparing what promises to be a wonderful event.

As this is our final newsletter of the year, I would like to say what a fantastic year it has been, with so much growth, achievement and success for our children.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September for more exciting opportunities, adventures and achievements.

Staffing Update – September 2026

As we begin to look ahead to September, we would like to share some staffing updates with you.

After almost 30 years of involvement with our school, Mrs Wright has taken the decision to retire at the end of this academic year in order to spend more quality time with her husband. Over the years, she has been a valued member of our community in many roles – as a parent, parent helper, teaching assistant and, most recently, as our excellent Year 2 teacher. We are incredibly grateful for her dedication and commitment to the school over so many years. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike and we wish her all the very best for a happy and well-deserved retirement.



Miss Williams will be leaving us in July, having decided to pursue a different career path. We thank her for all of her hard work and enthusiasm with Year 4 over the past year and wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Two of our teaching assistants, Miss Waller and Miss Moseley, will also be leaving us at the end of term. Miss Moseley will, however, continue in her role as an MSA within the school, so she will remain a familiar face in the dining hall and on the playground. We thank them both for their contributions to our school and wish them all the very best.

We are pleased to welcome some new faces to our team in September. Miss Eleanor Woolfe will be joining us as our new Year 2 teacher and Miss Sophie Stone will be taking on the Year 4 class. We are also very much looking forward to welcoming Miss Daisy Chown, who will be joining us as a teaching assistant in our Reception class. Additionally, we are delighted to welcome back Miss Laughton from her maternity leave and are pleased that she will be rejoining us.

Next academic year, Mrs Guy and Mrs Chatzidimitriou will be sharing the Year 5 class. As both have important wider roles within the school, this arrangement will ensure continuity for the children, with one of them always teaching the class when the other is carrying out their additional responsibilities.

As a result, we have appointed Mrs Angela Donnor, who will be teaching Year 6 from September.

On Monday 13th July, our children will practise moving up to their new year groups by spending time with their new Class Teacher and Teaching Assistants. This transition helps them develop adaptability and resilience. It is natural for everyone to feel both excited and a little nervous about moving up; these emotions are common when facing new experiences and stepping out of comfort zones. During their time with their new Class Teacher, the children will participate in activities and games to get to know one another. I am confident that all the children and staff will have a wonderful afternoon.

Please see below our staffing structure for the new academic year 2026/27:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants and Cover Assistants
Reception Rhinos	Miss Austin	Mrs Cobb, Miss Chown, Miss Cobb and Miss Sexton
Year 1 Dolphins	Mr Hazel	Mrs Cains, Miss Laughton and Miss Shearman
Year 2 Elephants	Miss Woolfe	Mrs Harwood, Mrs Potts and Miss Shearman
Year 3 Owls	Mrs Clow	Miss Flannigan and Mrs Parker-Coleman
Year 4 Woodpeckers	Miss Stone	Ms Hill and Miss Whiteley
Year 5 Kingfishers	Mrs Guy and Mrs Chatzidimitriou	Miss Dumpleton and Mrs Lee
Year 6 Eagles	Mrs Donnor	Miss Cubitt, Mrs Eke and Mrs Long

To support your child's transition, we'd like to share a helpful article from **Just One Norfolk**, which you can find [HERE](#). It offers a wealth of information about the transition process, including reflection, motivation and advice on how best to support your child. There is a bank of articles and resources that may be useful when discussing this with your child.

Sports Day Information – Thursday 2nd July 2026



Sports Day will take place on Thursday 2nd July, with a reserve date of Friday 3rd July in case of inclement weather. We will only contact you via My Child at School on the morning of Thursday 2nd July if Sports Day is **cancelled**. If no

communication is sent, please assume that Sports Day will go ahead as planned.

Parents, carers and family are warmly invited to join us at the following times:

- **Year R, Year 1 and Year 2:** Morning session starting at 9:30am
- **Year 3 to Year 6:** Afternoon session starting at 1:15pm

Our Sports Day will feature an exciting range of track events. A programme will be available on the day to help you follow the races. Seating for parents and family will be on the opposite side of the track from the class seating area, ensuring you have a great view to cheer on your children.

Please note that on this day, we will only have one toilet available for spectators. To help manage this safely, spectators will be chaperoned by a member of staff and will need to queue outside while waiting. If possible, we kindly ask that you use facilities at home or elsewhere during the day to help reduce demand on our site. Thank you for your understanding and support.

All children will enjoy their packed lunch on the field during Sports Day. We invite you to bring your own picnic and join them for this special event. For added convenience, our Norse kitchen will provide a special **'Feast on the Field'** packed lunch for our children, which can be ordered on the day. The menu on the day will be:



At the end of Sports Day, children will return to their classes and be dismissed at the usual time of 3:15pm.

We're looking forward to a fantastic day of fun, teamwork and sportsmanship. Let's hope for great weather to make the day even more memorable!

Reminder: Nut-Free School

A gentle reminder that West Winch Primary School is a **nut-free school**. This is to protect members of our community who have severe allergies.

We kindly ask that parents do not send any food items into school that contain nuts, including peanut butter or products that may contain traces of nuts.



We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us to keep all of our children safe.

HSL UPDATE: Colour Run Success!



We are delighted to share that the Colour Run, brilliantly organised by our fabulous HSL team before half term, raised an astonishing £2,500! These much-needed funds will make a real difference to our school and the children will benefit greatly from the amount raised.

A huge thank you to the HSL for their hard work in organising such a fantastic event and to everyone who supported it so generously. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Temporary Cancellation of Sensory Circuits – Tuesday 7th July

Please note that **Sensory Circuits** will not be taking place on Tuesday 7th July. This is due to the **Rocksteady** concert, as the hall will need to be set up in advance of the performance first thing in the morning.



Sensory Circuits will resume as normal on Wednesday 8th July.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Tuesday 14th July



We are very much looking forward to our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, which will take place on Tuesday 14th July at 9:00am. No tickets are required for this event.

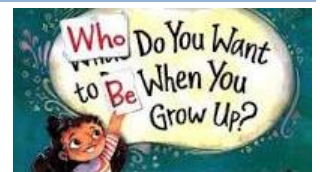
This assembly is an exclusive occasion for our Year 6 pupils and their families, ensuring it is a truly special and memorable celebration of their time at primary school.

To allow our Year 6 children to invite more family members to attend their final performance—something they have been rehearsing so hard for all half term—the rest of the school will be watching the dress rehearsal. This means the final performance will be reserved exclusively for Year 6 spectators.

We hope this arrangement will give grandparents, aunts, uncles and other family members the opportunity to join us in celebrating the children's achievements, while enjoying their performance in a comfortable and supportive setting.

SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENTS: School Council Dress-Up Day & Bastille Day Celebrations

Our School Council has organised a special Dress-Up Day on Friday 10th July and we are excited for everyone to take part. They have chosen the theme **“What would you like to be when you grow up?”**, so we encourage all children to come dressed as their future aspiration.



We ask for a **£1** contribution for taking part, which can be paid in the usual way via *My Child at School*.

We look forward to seeing all the imaginative and inspiring costumes on the day!



We are also thrilled to let you know that the School Council, together with Mrs Chatzidimitriou, our brilliant French leader, has organised a special **Bastille Day** celebration on Tuesday 14th July!

As part of the festivities, we invite the children to come to school dressed in

the colours of the French flag (red, white, and blue) in exchange for a **£1** donation, paid for via My Child at School.

During the morning, each class will participate in a different French-themed activity, bringing a little bit of France into our classrooms. In addition, Mrs Chatzidimitriou will lead a special Bastille Day-themed assembly, giving the children the opportunity to learn about the history and significance of this important French celebration.

To add to the excitement, there will also be a special French-themed lunch available, as outlined in the menu below:

						
	<i>Menu du Jour de la Bastille</i> <i>(Bastille Day Menu)</i> <i>Plat principal :</i> <i>(Main:)</i> <i>Baguette au jambon ou au fromage, avec bâtonnets de concombre et de carotte</i> <i>(Ham or Cheese baguette with cucumber and carrot batons)</i> ***** <i>Accompagnement :</i> <i>(Side:)</i> <i>Un paquet de chips</i> <i>(A packet of crisps)</i> ***** <i>Dessert :</i> <i>(Dessert:)</i> <i>Gâteau au chocolat</i> <i>(Chocolate cake)</i> ***** <i>Boisson :</i> <i>(Drink:)</i> <i>Jus d'orange ou jus de pomme</i> <i>(Orange juice or Apple juice)</i>					
						
						
						
						
						
						
						
						
						

We hope this will be a fun and educational day for the children, and we look forward to seeing their colourful outfits and enthusiasm! Thank you for your support.

All money raised from both events will go towards future projects for the children, as chosen by our School Council.

As part of this year's fundraising, the School Council has also arranged for an artist to visit the school on Thursday 9th July to lead creative workshops with each class. This is how they have chosen to spend the money they have raised this year.

Attendance Matters – June Update

Year Group	Percentage
Reception	91.91%
Year 1	95.37%
Year 2	93.77%
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	92.98%
Year 5	90.03%
Year 6	92.19%
Whole school	92.94%



We would like to congratulate our **Year 1** children for achieving the school's highest attendance during June of **95.37%**. As winners of the highest attendance for last month, Mrs Turner and Mr Hazel 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!

Polite Notice



We kindly ask all parents and carers to be considerate and thoughtful about where you park, especially during drop-off and pick-up times. Ensuring the safety of everyone, particularly our children, is of utmost importance.

Please be aware that in the coming weeks, the police will be patrolling the area in the mornings and at the end of the day to ensure that driving and parking are carried out with care and attention.

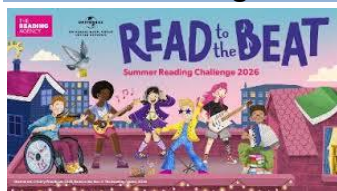
Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all.

Year 6 Annual Reports

A reminder, as the Department for Education are not releasing SATs scores for Year 6 until Tuesday 7th July, the Year 6 Annual Reports will be sent home on Friday 10th July.



Summer Reading Challenge



The **Summer Reading Challenge** is back for 2026 and launches in Norfolk's libraries on Saturday 4th July. It is a free activity for children aged 4 to 11 delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music UK. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's skills and confidence over the summer holiday. Traditionally, many West Winch children enjoy taking part in this challenge

each summer.

Children can pick up their Summer Reading Challenge pack and free magazine from their local library. They set their own reading goals and read anything they like from the library. They collect reward stickers as they achieve their reading goals. At the end of the summer, children who complete all their goals earn a certificate and a medal. For under 5s, there is a mini challenge, so they don't miss out. There is also a digital platform with different activities and digital rewards.

This year's theme is **Read to the Beat**, giving everyone the opportunity to discover diverse musical genres and cultural influences through specially curated reading lists and engaging activities that celebrate the connection between storytelling and sound. There will be lots of free children's activities in our libraries including professional music and dance artists.

To sign up, just pop into your local library. Children will need to be library members - you can do this in a library or online. It's free of charge and children will receive their own library card for which there are no overdue fees. Find out more about joining the library in branch or online.

Nationally the Summer Reading Challenge has engaged over half a million children annually for more than 25 years. It starts on Saturday 4th July and finishes on Saturday 12th September.

After-School Clubs

The table below details the **After-School Clubs** running in the first half-term, starting the week commencing Monday 7th September.



At the end of the school day, those children who are participating in a club, will be taken directly to the school hall. Therefore, these children will not need collecting at the usual home time. All clubs will end at 4:15pm and children will be dismissed via the main reception where parents can collect them from. Please ensure collection arrangements are up-to-date, as this will make for a smooth handover.

Date	Time	Club
Monday 7 th September – Monday 19 th October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	EYFS & KS1 Football
Monday 7 th September – Monday 19 th October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Yoga, Mindfulness and Meditation
Tuesday 8 th September – Tuesday 20 th October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Drama
Tuesday 8 th September – Tuesday 20 th October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS1 & KS2 Forest School
Wednesday 9 th September – Wednesday 21 st October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS1 Tamion's Forest School
Wednesday 9 th September – Wednesday 21 st October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2 Football
Thursday 10 th September – Thursday 22 nd October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2 Fencing

Bookings for all clubs can be made via *My Child at School* (either directly or via a link). **Unfortunately, as the clubs are provided by external facilitators, we are unable to offer a refund once they have been booked and paid for.**

Change of Menu for the Final Week of Term



We wanted to inform you about a slight change to the lunch menu during the final week of term.

- **Monday 13th July:** Chicken nuggets and chips.
- **Tuesday 14th July:** Bastille Day special lunch.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We hope the children enjoy these meals as we celebrate the end of a successful term!

Sun Protection

Now that the warm weather has finally arrived, please could we ask that all parents ensure that their child has a **baseball cap/sun hat** in school, along with a **filled water bottle** (which we can refill as necessary) and **sun cream/sun spray** (the highest factor possible – preferably **factor 50**).



West Winch Term Dates 2026-2027



The term dates for West Winch Primary School for the academic year 2026 to 2027 can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please be aware that these may differ from other local schools. A copy is also available on the [school website](http://www.westwinchprimary.co.uk).

With warm regards,

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ANNUAL DIARY DATES

July – September 2026



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
July	1 st – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am) 2 nd – Sports Day (EYFS/KS1 – am, KS2 – pm) 3 rd – Reserve Sports Day (EYFS/KS1 – am, KS2 – pm) 3 rd – Reports sent home (Year R-Year 5) 3 rd – HSL Frozen Friday 6 th – Last week of after-school clubs 8 th – Year 6 theatre trip to London to see <i>Matilda</i> 10 th – School Council Dress-Up Day 10 th – Year 6 Reports sent home 10 th – HSL Frozen Friday 13 th – Class swap afternoon 14 th – Bastille Day celebrations 14 th – Leavers' assembly at 9am 14 th – End of the year!
September	Wednesday 2 nd – School starts for Year 1 to Year 6 children Wednesday 9 th – New Reception Class children start

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday