

West Winch Primary School

NEWSLETTER

September 2026



Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2026-27 academic year! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break.

A special welcome to the families who are joining West Winch Primary School this year. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We are delighted to welcome our new Reception pupils, as well as several children joining us in other year groups.



It is hard to believe that our new Reception class will be the Class of 2033. How exciting to think about the journey that lies ahead for them during their time at West Winch Primary School. I am very much looking forward to meeting all of our new pupils over the coming days and seeing them settle happily into school life.

Over the summer, our staff have been busy preparing for the year ahead, planning exciting learning opportunities and ensuring everything is ready for a successful start to the new term. I am pleased to say that everything is coming together beautifully.

It is great to be back and we cannot wait to get started on another fantastic year at West Winch Primary School.

Staffing Update



We are pleased to welcome several new teaching colleagues to West Winch Primary School this term and wish them a long, happy and successful association with our school community:

- **Eleanor Woolf**, our new Year 2 teacher
- **Sophie Stone**, who joins us as the Year 4 teacher
- **Angela Donnor**, our new Year 6 teacher

We are also delighted to welcome **Daisy Chown**, who has joined our Reception team as a Teaching Assistant. In addition, we are very pleased to welcome back **Amy Laughton** following her maternity leave. Miss Laughton will be supporting children as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1.

We are also delighted to share some wonderful personal news. Over the summer, Miss Austin got married and has returned to school as **Mrs Schade**. I am sure you will join me in offering our warmest congratulations and wishing her and her husband a very long, happy and healthy future together.

At the end of the last academic year, we said a fond farewell to **Miss Arnold**, who has moved on to pursue new opportunities. Miss Arnold was a highly valued member of our office team and made a significant contribution to the life of the school. We are extremely grateful for all of her hard work and support and wish her every success and happiness for the future.

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** including:

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

Important: Complaints Policy

Please do not send complaints to teachers via these class email addresses.

If you need to raise a complaint with your child's class teacher, please refer to our **Complaints Policy**, which outlines the proper procedures for addressing concerns. The policy can be found on our website here: [WWPS Complaints Policy](#).

Please note: Any complaint sent to your child's class teacher via email will not be responded to. Following our complaints policy ensures that your concerns are handled appropriately and efficiently.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain effective communication channels.

Class Curriculum Presentations and Letters



Class curriculum presentations will be held on the following dates in each classroom, when you will also find out more information about the curriculum your child will be covering, our assessment system and the homework expectations for each year group. The class Curriculum Meetings start at 3:20pm in each classroom, on these dates in September:

Monday 14 th September	Tuesday 15 th September	Wednesday 17 th September
Reception and Year 4	Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5	Year 1 and Year 6

Curriculum information letters will also be given out at each meeting, giving you more information about the curriculum your child will be covering, our assessment system and the homework expectations for each year group. The Year 6 meeting will also include details of the Year 6 residential trip to PGL in Lincolnshire in June 2027.

Parent Daytime Consultations

Our afternoon Parent Consultations will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Together, we can then clearly focus on the areas that your child needs to work on, so that they meet or exceed the 'expected' standard at the end of the academic year. The consultations are on the following dates and appointment times will be made available (via **'My Child at School'**) very soon – to allow parents to make the necessary arrangements:



	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn Term	Monday 9 th November (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Tuesday 10 th November (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Wednesday 11 th November (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Thursday 12 th November (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Tuesday 3 rd November (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Wednesday 4 th November (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Monday 9 th November (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Tuesday 10 th November (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Wednesday 11 th November (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Thursday 12 th November (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Tuesday 3 rd November (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Wednesday 4 th November (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Tuesday 3 rd November (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Wednesday 4 th November (1:15pm-5:00pm)
Spring Term	Monday 22 nd February (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Tuesday 23 rd February (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Wednesday 24 th February (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Thursday 25 th February (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Monday 1 st March (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Tuesday 2 nd March (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Monday 22 nd February (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Tuesday 23 rd February (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Wednesday 24 th February (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Thursday 25 th February (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Monday 22 nd February (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Tuesday 23 rd February (1:15pm-5:00pm)	Monday 1 st March (1:15pm-3:25pm) & Tuesday 2 nd March (1:15pm-5:00pm)

You will receive a notification via **'My Child at School'** that appointments can be made for these parent consultations. If you are unable to make the consultations, class teachers will be happy to organise an appointment for an after-school meeting on another day – or even arrange a telephone consultation. Please note that all appointments will last for a maximum of **10 minutes** and as we now have some very large classes, it will only be possible to book **one appointment for each child**.

Whole School (YR to Y6) Nasal Spray Flu Immunisation – Tuesday 3rd November

Schools Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme



Nasal Flu Vaccine

Reception to Year 6



Please look out for an email from your school inviting you to submit consent / non-consent for your child's nasal flu vaccine this year!



Parents will consent or decline the nasal flu vaccination through our online portal.



The email from your school will contain all the information you need.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Free School Meals and Year 3 Lunches



Please don't forget that all children in **Reception, Year 1** and **Year 2** are currently entitled to **FREE** school meals. However, it is important that we are aware of all families, who would normally be entitled to free school meals. We receive additional funding to support all pupils identified as 'pupil premium.' If you are unsure, please have a chat to Mrs Clark in the main school office. We would like to remind you that children in Year 3 will now need to pay for their school lunches. This can be done in advance via **'My Child at School'**. Lunches cost **£2.70**.

Attendance Matters – Let's Aim Higher Together!

At West Winch Primary School, we're proud of our attendance record. Last year, our whole school attendance was **95%**, above the national average of **94.89%**. This is a fantastic achievement, and we thank all our families for their support.



However, we're still striving for excellence. Our aspirational target is **97%** attendance, and with your continued support, we believe we can reach it!

Why does attendance matter?

Research consistently shows that children who attend school regularly do better in life. They achieve more academically, develop stronger social skills and are better prepared for future opportunities.

This year, Mrs Turner, our dedicated Attendance Officer, will be closely monitoring every child's attendance. If a child's attendance becomes a concern, she will be in touch with parents to offer support and guidance.

We also kindly ask families to be mindful when booking holidays—especially in the lead-up to SATs. Absences during this critical time can significantly impact children's progress and confidence.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Turner, our Attendance Officer. She can be reached by email at attendance@westwinch.norfolk.sch.uk, by telephone on **01553 840397**, or through the school office. Mrs Turner will be more than happy to help and discuss any support or guidance you may need.

Let's work together to make every school day count!

Home School Link (HSL) Update



I would like to extend a huge thank you to our dedicated and hard-working HSL members, who have spent part of their summer planning an exciting programme of events and fundraising activities for the year ahead. Full details of these events will be included in the Diary Dates section of next month's newsletter.

The HSL **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will take place on Thursday 24th September at 2:00pm in the school library. Following the meeting, parents and carers are warmly invited to attend a **Welcome Picnic** on the school playground from 3:15pm, providing the weather treats us kindly. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the HSL, find out more about the vital work they do to support our school, and discover how you might like to get involved.

HSL Funding Support 2026-27

I am delighted to report that, even before many of this year's fundraising events have begun, the HSL has already committed significant financial support to our school:

- **£1,500** towards the cost of our annual whole-school pantomime trip, helping to reduce the amount parents and carers need to contribute.

- **£1,200** towards the cost of coach travel for our Year 6 pupils' end-of-year theatre trip to London.

All money raised by the HSL is invested directly back into the school for the benefit of our children, and we are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support and generosity.

The HSL is always keen to welcome new members and volunteers. If you would like to learn more about what they do or become involved in supporting their fundraising activities, please speak to a member of the HSL in the playground or contact them via email at westwinchhsl@yahoo.com. We would be delighted to see more parents, carers and family members get involved.

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.



After-School Clubs



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

These clubs are in addition to our new **Afternoon Club**, which we are trialling this half-term. The club will run every afternoon from 3:15pm until 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 7 th September – Monday 19 th October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	EYFS & KS1 Football
Tuesday 8 th September – Tuesday 20 th October	3:15pm – 4:00pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Scratch
Wednesday 9 th September – Wednesday 21 st October	3:15pm – 4:00pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Seasonal Arts & Crafts
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 – 4:00pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Lego
Thursday 10 th September – Thursday 22 nd October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	KS2 Fencing
Monday 14 th September – Monday 19 th October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Yoga, Mindfulness & Meditation
Tuesday 15 th September – Tuesday 20 th October	3:15pm – 4:15pm	EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Drama
Thursday 17 th September – Thursday 22 nd October	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.*

Volunteers Needed: Help Our Young Readers Thrive

We are looking for volunteers, who can spare some time on a regular basis, to listen to children read and support the development of their reading skills. This is a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference to our pupils' confidence and enjoyment of reading.



If you are interested in volunteering, or know someone who may be, please contact the school office for further information. We would love to hear from you!

Permission Letters



Permission letters for regular off-site and in-school visits and activities, notification of asthma, pain relief medication, medical updates, collection arrangements and photograph and PG film consent were sent home last week. Please complete and return all these forms to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. These new permission letters will supersede any previous consent letters. Many thanks.

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,

K. Todd

Miss K Todd
Headteacher

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X: @wwprimary
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Young Carers' Lead (Ms Hill)
youngcarers@westwinch.norfolk.sch.uk



ANNUAL TERM DATES

September 2026 to July 2027



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



Term dates for 2027 to 2028 are available on the school website.

ANNUAL DIARY DATES

September 2026 – July 2027



Please note: As these dates are given well in advance, they may be subject to change.

Month	Date & Event
September	2nd – Children return (Y1-Y6) 2nd – YR activity session (9:30-10:30) 4th – YR activity session (9:30-10:30) 7th – YR taster session (9:30-11:30) Monday 7th September to Monday 19th October – EYFS & KS1 Football After-School Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) Monday 7th September to Friday 23rd October – Afternoon Club (3:15pm-4:30pm) Tuesday 8th September to Tuesday 20th October – EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Scratch After-School Club (3:15pm-4:00pm) 9th – YR start Wednesday 9th-Wednesday 21st October – EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Seasonal Arts & Crafts After-School Club (3:15pm-4:00pm) Wednesday 9th-Wednesday 21st October – KS1 Tamion's Forest School After-School Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) Wednesday 9th-Wednesday 21st October – KS2 Football After-School Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) Thursday 10th-Thursday 22nd October – EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Lego After-School Club (3:15pm-4:00pm) Thursday 10th-Thursday 22nd October – KS2 Fencing After-School Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) 14th – Violin & guitar lessons start 14th – YR & Y4 Curriculum meetings Monday 14th September to Monday 19th October – EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Yoga, Mindfulness & Meditation After-School Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) 15th – Y2, Y3 & Y5 Curriculum meetings Tuesday 15th September to Tuesday 20th October – EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Drama After-School Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) 16th – Y1 & Y6 Curriculum meetings Thursday 17th-Thursday 22nd October – EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics After-School Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) 18th – Piano lessons start (1:15pm-3:15pm) 24th – Y6 National Child Measuring Programme 24th – HSL AGM (2:00pm, library & 3:15pm, welcome picnic outside) 30th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am)

October	13 th – Individual photographs 15 ^h – Open Day (9:15am-10:15am & 1:30pm-2:30pm) 21 st – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am) 22 nd – Harvest Festival (9:30am – YR, Y1 & Y2 11am – KS2) 23 rd – End of half term
November	2 nd – Return to school 3 rd – Flu Immunisations (YR – Y6) 3 rd – Y2, Y5 & Y6 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 4 th – Y2, Y5 & Y6 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm) 9 th – YR & Y3 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 10 th – YR & Y3 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm) 11 th – Y1 & Y4 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 12 th – Y1 & Y4 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm) 13 th – Children in Need 25 th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am)
December	3 rd – Flu Immunisations – ‘mop up’ (YR – Y6) 10 th – Christmas Play (EYFS/KS1) 15 th – Pantomime (morning) 17 th – Christmas at the church (9:30am – YR, Y1 & Y2 11am – KS2) 18 th – End of term
January	4 th – Return to school 27 th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am)
February	4 th – YR vision and hearing 12 th – End of half term 22 nd – Return to school 22 nd – YR, Y3 & Y5 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 23 rd – YR, Y3 & Y5 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm) 24 th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am) 24 th – Y1 & Y4 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 25 th – Y1 & Y4 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm)
March	1 st – Y2 & Y6 consultations (1:15pm-3:25pm) 2 nd – Y2 & Y6 consultations (1:15pm-5:00pm) 4 th – World Book Day 19 th – Comic Relief Day 24 th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am) 25 th – Easter services at the church (9:30am – YR, Y1 & Y2 11am – KS2) 25 th – End of term
April	12 th – Return to school 28 th – Open classroom (8:30-8:45am)
May	3 rd – Bank holiday 7 th – Group photos 10 th – SATs week (Monday – Thursday) 12 th – 19 th – Scholastic Book Fair 26 th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am) 28 th – End of half term

June	7 th – Return to school 8 th – New Parents' Meeting (2:00pm) 14 th – Reports in for proof reading 22 nd – Open afternoon (1:15pm-2:15pm) 30 th – Open classroom (8:30am-8:45am)
July	1 st – Sports Day (EYFS/KS1 – am, KS2 – pm) 2 nd – Reserve Sports Day (EYFS/KS1 – am, KS2 – pm) 2 nd – Reports sent home 5 th – Last week of after-school clubs 8 th – Year 6 Paddington the Musical trip 12 th – Class swap afternoon 15 th – Leavers' assembly 15 th – End of the year