



4th April 2025

Note from the Head...

It has been a term filled full of great experiences. All the awareness we have worked on; Children's Mental Health, Careers Day, World Book Day and Story-telling etc. This continued growth of awareness will continue next term with a **"Say No to Racism"** week and a continued celebration of different cultures in our community and world. Sharing greater knowledge of cultural differences stops actions of racism and unkindness.



It has been lovely to share in the Easter activities this week. The children have been so eggcited to share their joy for presenting their assemblies to their families and friends.

We say goodbye today to Miss Vince and wish her all the very best for her new post. We know she will be missed by many, but shares the gratitude for all she has given to the children of WPS over the years. Her care and guidance as a teacher but also her commitment with Mrs Hamblin for our county dancing team, who perform so well at our fetes and local events. Good luck Miss Vince.

Lastly, thank you. Thank you for your continued support of the school and your child's education. I know everyone is wondering what the Ofsted report will say – and I hope this will be published within the next four weeks. Then we can talk freely about what they saw and how they felt about the school. Until then I wish you a very happy and safe spring break and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 22nd April when we return.

Best wishes
Graeme Wilson
Headteacher

Attendance

Attendance this week is 95%, a slight fall from last week but we do seem to have a sickness bug going

through the school so fingers crossed the next 2 weeks helps everyone shake off the germs and return fit and well.

Easter Bonnet Parades

Congratulations to everyone in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Two fabulous Easter Parades filled with poems and singing! The children looked spectacular and sounded wonderful. Thank you to everyone for supporting their child with their bonnet and for joining in! what a lovely memory.



Wincanton History Day – Saturday 5th April

We look forward to seeing you at this whole town event and taking part in the activities. If you have a competition entry, please ensure it gets to the Bootmakers as soon as possible. Thank you.



5 Reads Champions

Congratulations to Venus class! This week's prize is an extra playtime! Congratulations our amazing bookworms!

This week's reads are:

Class	No. of children with 5 reads
Pluto	11
Mercury	15
Earth	11
Venus	17
Neptune	15
Mars	12

SSAFA Armed Forces Charity Competition

The children have decorated an egg in RE with images that represent Easter. The SSAFA charity came and collected them and have judged each class; one for Creativity and one for Innovation. Well done to everyone who won a chocolate egg under these



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categories. Thank you to SSAFA for giving the children this opportunity.



Frith Opticians Colouring Competition

Following their visit on Careers Day which all the children thoroughly enjoyed, Frith Opticians challenged children in Years 4 & 5 to a spectacle colouring competition. Judging all the amazing designs was tricky, but the judges choose Helen, Imogen & Zachary as their worthy winners. Well done to all.



Well Done Medals

- **All of Pluto Class** for their outstanding performance at the Easter Bonnet parade! We are so proud!
- **All of the children in Mercury Class** for their amazing Easter bonnets and fantastic Easter assembly.
- **Caspar** in Earth Class for excellent effort and careful working in English all week.
- **Malindi** in Venus Class for your creative Andy Goldsworthy inspired sculpture.
- **Jacob** in Mars Class for his in depth recall of knowledge especially in History and R.E. Well done!
- **Mackenzie** in Neptune Class for trying really hard to remember capital letters and full stops in his writing.
- **Ruby** in Saturn Class for her super attitude towards all aspects of school. Well done!
- **Mia** in Jupiter Class for creating a beautiful mosaic using a repeating pattern and central image.
- **Omer Mirza** in Sun Class for great presentation and explanation on his cream paper.
- **PJ** in Moon Class for a very factual and interesting take home task.

- **Denzel** in Apollo Class for great enthusiasm when learning the Thriller dance in PE!
- **Ptolemy** in Asteroid Class for designing and building a bridge within a team to meet a strict design brief.
- **Robyn** in Galaxy Class for creating an amazing painting of the Great Wave.
- **Harry** in Milky Way Class for being inquisitive and asking relevant questions across all subjects.

Wincanton & Gillingham Tae Kwon Do

We have been teaching children in Wincanton and Gillingham for over 25 years to be the best version of themselves. **We came into the school this week and had some fun teaching a taster session to some of the children, so we are offering free taster sessions for children of Wincanton Primary School during April**, to come and try Tae Kwon do at our club. Our tenets are courtesy, integrity, self-control, perseverance, and indomitable spirit, alongside the benefits that being more physically active can bring. Martial arts are not just self-defence and definitely not 'fighting'. If you want to find out more or book a place on the free trial, please check out our website www.wincantonandgillinghamtkd.co.uk or email tkdadmin@fastmail.co.uk or call 07767668304

Free sessions to improve your child's success in life

Successful children:

- Are polite and courteous, have respect for others and themselves
- Are honest and have good integrity
- Have good self-control, which allows them to make good decisions in difficult situations
- Persevere to finish the things they started, refuse to quit when the going gets a little tough.



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- Have courage and bravery to move out of their comfort zone in order to grow.



Wincanton Carnival

Wincanton Carnival Committee are raising much needed funds to enable them to host the carnival this year, they have a

couple of events happening in April to start this off. **Easter Raffle** – Tickets are £1, books of five. Prizes include £100 cash, craft hamper, chocolate hamper, pamper hamper and more. Tickets available via email wincanton.carnival.entry@gmail.com or Facebook message.

Easter Bingo – Saturday 5th April @ The Memorial Hall.



WPS Easter Reading Challenge 2025



Over the Easter holidays, we are setting you the challenge of completing the 10 reading activities below. Complete **5 challenges** for a Bronze Award. Complete **8 challenges** for a Silver Award. Complete **ALL** the challenges for a Gold Award. **You will also be entered into a raffle to win a brand-new book.**

Your activities:

- Read a book in the garden - enjoy the fresh air!
- Read a book with a friend or family member.
- Read a book before bedtime - get cosy!
- Read a book that makes you laugh.
- Read a book by a brand-new author. Who will you choose?
- Read a poem out loud.
- Read a book in a crazy place - how creative can you be?
- Read a book that has an animal in it.
- Read a non-fiction book of your choosing.
- Read a book somewhere that isn't your house.

Record these in your reading record ready to show your teacher after the Easter holidays. For an extra fishy point, send us pictures of you completing some of the challenges to office@wincantonprimaryschool.co.uk. We would love to share some of these on our website.

Have a wonderful Easter