



9th January 2026

Note from the Head...

Happy New Year and welcome back! It has been an action-packed week with our Science Day on Monday welcoming everyone back, and a host of Hook days to follow.

We have been visited by Aliens in Year 2, a visit to the River Cale with the CATCH team in Year 3, Mayan Day in Year 4 and Year 6 pupils Mummifying Tomatoes, building canopic jars and making Egyptian Papyrus! We still have a visit from Longleat for Year 1 and 5 to fit in and a visit of some pets in Reception next week! No one can say we don't make our learning as engaging as possible. The absolute delight and excitement the children have demonstrated this week has been an honour to see.



As we move into the new term, we ask families to set up their routines for homework and support of their child's development following the holiday season. We have been speaking about New Year Resolutions

this week and looked at how this time of year people spend time setting up new routines or establish old ones to set the year ahead. I hope this helps if trying to establish new routines at home.

I have had the privilege to tour the school this week with families looking for school places and am overwhelmed by the really positive and highly complementary statements they have made. Stating our school to be the best they have seen, or the passion we show for our children and their learning is inspiring. Something that has made us feel very proud of all we continue to do.

We have added some of the events planned for this term over the page for your calendars and look forward to all it holds. Curriculum Newsletters have been sent via

ParentMail for you to know what your child will be learning about and important dates of class events.

If you have any question or suggestions about our school, please do not hesitate to see me on the playground or pop into the office when you are on sight and I would be only too happy to hear from you.

Wishing you all a very successful 2026.
Best wishes

Graeme Wilson
Headteacher

Attendance

This week our Attendance figure is 96.5% with Pluto and Earth class both celebrating 100%!

Welcome to our new Staff!

Mr Davies in Apollo Class Year 5
Miss Thomson in Venus Class Year 1 and
Mrs Tooth our SENCO (Wed-Fri)
We are thrilled to have them join the team and look forward to seeing everyone settle in and enhance our provision even further.

EV5 Forms

All children will be bringing home a copy of EV5 form for you to complete, this is parent/carer consent form for external short trips, a list of these are also included, Please could we ask that these are completed and returned to the school office by **Mon 19th Jan**. Many thanks for your help with this.

Absence Procedure

Attendance and monitoring absence is key at Wincanton Primary School, with the start of a new term just a reminder of the absence procedure and what is expected of everyone concerned. The full policy can be found on our website.

If a child is absent from school the parent must follow these procedures:



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Tel: 01963 32132

Email: Office@wincantonprimaryschool.co.uk

- Contact the school on **01963 32132** the first day of absence before 9am (the time we close our registers) providing your child's details and the reason for their absence. The school has an

answer phone available to leave a message if nobody is available to take your call, or you may call into school personally and speak to the office staff. If you leave a voicemail to report your child's absence, you may receive a call from the school to discuss the absence to ensure it is coded correctly on their register.

- Contact the school on every further day of absence before 9.00 am providing your child's details and the reasons for their ongoing absence.

PTA meeting – Monday 12th January – 7pm

Everyone is welcome to come along to the next PTA meeting on Monday to help with fundraising opportunities for the school. **7pm in the staffroom – entrance from South Street Playground gate**

Dates for the term

- **Winter Fair** – 16th Jan 3-5:00pm.
- **INSET Day** – school closed – 19th January
- **Snow White Panto** - 21st Jan
- **Yr6 Maths Race Day** – 29th January
- **National Story Telling Week** 2nd Feb – Stories by fairy lights – day to be confirmed
- **Children's Mental Health week** – 9th Feb
- **Safer Internet Day** - 10th Feb
- **World book Day** – 5th March
- **Annual Reports to Parents** – 13th March
- **Report parent drop-in session** - 18th March
- **Comic Relief** – 20th March
- **Easter Bonnets** – Wed 1st April
9am Year 1 2:40pm Year 2
Tues 31st March 9am EYFS

Parking

Please can we ask parents to be mindful of our neighbours and park considerately and legally. We received a message this week from a resident who lives close to the school advising their vehicle has sustained some damage, where a driver has knocked it and this is not the first time it's happened. Please could we remind all parents to park responsibly and safely. Thank you.



Pantomime – Snow White - 9:30am Wednesday 21st January 2026

The PTA have generously paid for every child to attend this pantomime at the memorial hall. The children will walk with staff to the hall and enjoy

this wonderful experience. If there are any parents willing to support with walking to and from the hall we would be most grateful. (9am leave and 10:30am walk back.)

Please sign up on ParentMail



Winter Fayre

Our postponed Christmas Fair is due to take place next **Friday, 16th January at 3:15pm – 5pm**. If there are willing volunteers who could help set up during the day or afternoon, or

who is able to give an hour to help running a stall – please contact the PTA on pta@wincantonprimaryschool.co.uk or via their Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you there and having a great time. 😊



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Medals

- **Parker** in Pluto Class for incredible enthusiasm and knowledge on science day.
- **David** in Mercury Class for independent sentence writing and imaginative flags.
- **Harrison** in Earth Class for his brilliant explanations about shape and use of mathematical language.
- **Julia** in Venus Class for being such a responsible helper in class!
- **Noah** in Mars Class for being so enthusiastic towards his learning on the Science and Hook Days!
- **Caspar** in Neptune Class for excellent work in Maths when adding two 2-digit numbers.
- **Miley** in Saturn Class for increased confidence during Maths, particularly when using the inverse.
- **Reuben** in Jupiter Class for confidently applying his previous knowledge of science to answer quiz questions! Very proud of you!
- **Rory** in Sun Class for having a really positive attitude to learning. Keep it up!
- **Ruby** in Moon Class for participating and sharing brilliant knowledge during our Mayan Hook day!
- **Leo** in Apollo Class for excellent behaviour and working hard all week.
- **PJ** in Asteroid Class for inferring and constructing fantastic sentences about Charles Darwin's character from our new class book, Darwin's Dragons.
- **Vivienne** in Galaxy Class for the kindness and support you showed to others during our Hook Day activities. You never need to be asked – you see friends in need and take action!
- **Finley** in Milky Way Class for amazing scientific knowledge and skills when conducting a scientific investigation.

Face - Family Advice - Communication - Education

Face Timetable

How to use FACE and have unlimited access too the courses.

Visit the **PARENTS** page of the FACE website (facefamilyadvice.co.uk) to view the 16 regular talks for parents. Click through the booking calendar to find a date and time that suits you.

At the payment stage of booking, enter the code **WP030325** where it says **ADD PROMO CODE**. This will reduce the price from £24 to £0.

 January 2026 Timetable All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Autism - Improving Communication	5 Jan 10am
Improving Family Communication	5 Jan 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	6 Jan 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	6 Jan 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	12 Jan 10am
Understanding Anger	12 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	13 Jan 10am
Facing Defiance	13 Jan 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	19 Jan 10am
Anxiety Explained	19 Jan 7pm
Introduction to OCD	20 Jan 10am
What Is ACT	20 Jan 7pm
FREE Responding to Angry Behaviour	22 Jan 7-8pm
Raising Self-Esteem	26 Jan 10am
Decreasing Depression	26 Jan 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	27 Jan 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	27 Jan 7pm



Vacancies

1:1 Learning Support Assistant

Key Stage 1 – Full time

8:40am to 15:15pm Monday to Friday

Term Time Only

Salary Grade 15 (£12.85ph to £13.05ph)

Temporary subject to money following the pupils

We are looking for a skilled 1:1 Learning Support Assistant to work with two pupils, one in Year 2 in the mornings and one in Year 1 in the afternoons. We would love to hear from you if you are:

- patient
- forward thinking
- resilient and initiative
- have strategies for de-escalation and prevention
- Awareness of sensory needs and how to meet these throughout the day.
- awareness of ASD practises
- have a knowledge of how to support a pupil's emotional needs as well as their academic development
- are able to demonstrate a good use of initiative and responsibility to support pupils' learning
- are able to take on others ideas

Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss the post further.

Application packs are available to download from our school website:

<https://www.wincantonprimaryschool.co.uk/vacancies/>

Application forms should be returned by email to office@wincantonprimaryschool.co.uk for the attention of our Headteacher

Mr. G. Wilson

by 12 noon on Thursday 15th January 2026

Interviews will be held in the afternoon on 20th or 21st January 2026



SCHOOL CLEANER

2 hours per day (3.15-5.15pm)

Mondays and Tuesdays

**term time only with some holiday cleaning
across the year.**

Grade 17: £12.65 per hour

We are looking for a hardworking cleaner to join our premises team, cleaning classrooms, toilets and general areas of the school. 2 hours per day Monday and Tuesday from 3.15 to 5.15pm plus extra hours to cover staff absence.

Full details and an application pack are available from our school website.

<https://www.wincantonprimaryschool.co.uk/vacancies/>

You are welcome to contact the school office to arrange an appointment to discuss the post further or for a paper copy of the application pack.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This post is subject to enhanced disclosure barring service check and pre-employment checks will be undertaken before any post is confirmed.