



Friday 10th July 2026

Note from the Head...

As we fast approach the end of term children are coping well with the change. Hosting our Second Meet the Teacher session this week meant the majority of classes were able to get to know their new teachers and peers. With Mr Davies being on Paternity leave, Neptune Class will get to meet him again on his return before the end of the summer term.

KS2 children are busy completing their portfolio to bring home a range of work from across the curriculum, whilst staff are completing final assessments ready to be shared with parents at the end of next week.

We look forward to the Year 5/6 Production of Murder and Magpie Manor – from the snippets I have seen it looks to be a fun performance for all!

With so many spaces at last year's performance we have arranged an afternoon and an evening performance this year to see if this is more accommodating for parents. – please let us know your thoughts. 😊

A reminder that all children are expected to perform in the evening performance and can be collected after from the South Street playground.

Thank you to EYFS for a brilliant Sports Day on Monday, and we look forward to the outcomes for **Year 5 (Tuesday 14th @2:45pm) and Year 1 (Wednesday 15th July @ 2:45pm)** this coming week.

EYFS have been sending rocket to the Moon with the staff of Shaftesbury High School – thank you to Mr Biddiscombe for organising this science fest for our children.

Year 3 have had an Anglo-Saxon day today resulting in a feast of food from traditional recipes!

Thank you to everyone who works so hard to bring our learning to life!

Best wishes

Graeme Wilson
Headteacher

Attendance – 95.64%

Attendance this week has risen to above the 95% mark, thank you to everyone who helps us keep our attendance up, it's lovely to see a school full of children enjoying learning.

WPS Baby news

- We said goodbye last week to Mrs Hopkins, who has now left on maternity leave.
- Huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Davies on the safe arrival of baby Luca.



New Intake BBQ

Our new reception Intake for September will be running through the corridors hunting for clues in their treasure hunt tomorrow morning, as they familiarise themselves with their new school.



EYFS Outcome: Monday 20th July 2026 2.15pm

We would like to invite parents of Reception children into school for a shared Story Telling picnic.

At the picnic we will also run a Fair-Trade café (tea and coffee stall with home – made cake). Any purchases you make will be given to a charity supporting link schools in Zambia.

Tea Towel Fundraiser

Our children have created some fantastic self-portraits which have been combined to create a unique class tea towel! As well as tea towels, families can also order a range of other personalised keepsakes featuring their own child's artwork, including mugs, bags and more.

Every purchase helps support our school, with **20% of all sales** coming back to Wincanton Primary School.

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Please see the attached poster for full details on how to view your child's artwork, place your order and the closing date. Thank you for supporting this wonderful fundraiser!



Great British Summer Savings

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres,

concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Glee - Memorial Hall, Charity Fete

It was a delight to have Glee perform at the Memorial Hall Charity Summer Fair. They sang four of their songs bringing joy to those who were present. – well done children. 😊

Yr6 Hoodies

Sorry, with so much going on today these fell off the list! They will be distributed on Monday- however in the high temperatures they will not be permitted to be worn until the temperature begins to fall – for obvious safety reasons.

MHST webinars: Help Your Family Survive and Thrive This Summer 🌀

The summer holidays can be a wonderful opportunity to spend time together, but they can also bring challenges when it comes to keeping children engaged, managing routines, and maintaining family wellbeing.

To support families over the break, Somerset's Mental Health Support Team is offering a free **"Surviving & Thriving over the Summer Holidays"** webinar for parents and carers. During this 90-minute session, we will explore practical strategies to help make the holidays more enjoyable and less stressful for everyone.

Topics include:

- Creating flexible routines and boundaries that work during the holidays
- Simple ways to stay organised and reduce family stress
- Ideas for fun activities and quality family time
- Information about local support and opportunities available across Somerset

There are several dates and times available:

- **Tuesday 7 July 2026, 10:00–11:30**
<https://bit.ly/thriving7thjuly>
- **Thursday 16 July 2026, 18:00–19:30**
<https://bit.ly/thriving16thjuly>
- **Tuesday 28 July 2026, 13:30–15:00**
<https://bit.ly/thriving28thjuly>

The webinar is **free** to attend, but registration is required. You can book your place at the above links or at:

canva.link/mhstsummer2026

We hope you will join us and gain some helpful tips and ideas for a positive and enjoyable summer with your family.

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Medals

- **Kalia** in Pluto Class for being enthusiastic about all learning opportunities. Although it can mean you're excitable when teaching, you are a joy to have in class!
- 2 Winners this week in Mercury Class one for **Cleo** for writing sentences in her play by independently applying her phonics and one for **Isla** for consistently showing wonderful kindness to everyone and always being a helpful hand.
- **Rosie** in Earth Class for fantastic perseverance while creating her sculpture of a building – well done!
- **Iris** in Venus Class for showing amazing creativity during our building of Wincanton!
- **George** in Mars Class for settling in so well to Mars Class and having a fantastic week.
- **Bella** in Neptune Class for excellent editing in English lessons.
- **Darcie** in Saturn Class for her fantastic behaviour and curiosity on our trip to Glastonbury.
- **Tommy** in Jupiter Class for showing a fantastic attitude and for being a curious learner whilst on our trip.
- **Ella** in Sun Class for making a conscious effort to improve her handwriting.
- **Gaia** in Moon Class for creating a brilliant poem about Wincanton using personification, alliteration and similes.
- **April** in Apollo Class for being so helpful to others and fantastic contributions in class discussions.
- **Liv** in Asteroid Class for writing a detailed monologue using emotive language.
- **Demie** in Galaxy Class for being an absolute SUPERSTAR in our Y6 production! What a brilliant actor you are!
- **George** in Milky Way Class for always trying his best in our production rehearsals. Thanks for always making me smile!

Go Wild
AT CARYMOOR'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB!

10th - 14th August
8:45am - 3:30pm

An action-packed, creative summer holiday club,
based at Carymoor Environmental Trust,
Castle Cary, BA7 7NR.

£40 per day!
***Book a full week Mon-Fri and save 10%!**

Who can attend? Children aged 7-11.
Younger children aged 5-6 are welcome as long as they attend
with an older sibling who is booked into the same sessions.

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Summer Reading Challenge



Sign up for free at your nearest library from Saturday 4th July!



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Face Timetable

Wincanton Primary School Code: WP030325

Below is the FACE Family Advice timetable for July

FACE offers parents practical advice, information and support, across a wide range of topics, including supporting neurodiverse children, understanding emotions and managing behaviour.

Go to facefamilyadvice.co.uk or [click here](#) Go to PARENTS – Live talks page.

This can be used by any parents or staff from our school for unlimited access to all the regular FACE Parent Talks (usually £24 each). The code cannot be used on any other FACE services and must not be shared with parents or staff from other schools.

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



July 2026 Timetable

All regular 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

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

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