



Wincanton Primary School

Station Road
Wincanton
Somerset
BA9 9EL

Tel: 01963 32132

31st January 2025

Note from the Head...

There are so many good things happening around our fabulous school that I wanted to make you all aware:

As part of our promotion of reading for pleasure, last night children from all ages came to school in their pyjamas, onesies and oodles, with teddy-bears underarm, for our **Stories by Fairylight**. It was truly magical. Children enjoyed hearing a range of stories read by the staff, lying on the floor or sitting with their teddies and drinking hot chocolate, provided by the PTA. Seeing the rooms lit up in the darkness gave that extra special feeling.



Yesterday, Year 6 visited the **Racecourse** and took part in a maths investigation day where they used their maths skills to help weigh the Jockey's, work out the length

of the parade circuit and a range of problem-solving activities. To finish with they watched 3 races and enjoyed seeing if their horse came first! Thank you to the racecourse, staff and parents who supported the children with this very enjoyable experience.

Next week we are continuing our reading theme – by supporting **National Storytelling Week**; looking at the work of author, Matt Car, and using his techniques to help develop storylines. It is set to be a fun time creating a range of stories!

Whilst next week is also **National Children's Mental Health week** - we will

celebrate this the following week with the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself." This is supported by the Disney film Inside Out 1 and 2. If your children have the opportunity to watch one, or both, films prior to this week it will help them understand some of the activities and



concepts we will be working on. A letter will be sent next week to inform you of further details. Next week some of our year 6 pupils will complete their **Bikeability** course. Good luck to all of them!
So much going on to enrich and support our children.

This week we say Goodbye to Mrs Dover-Ward who has supported individual pupils for the past four and a half years. We would like to thank her for all the support and commitment she has shown the pupils she has worked with. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Blunt to the support staff team to fill Mrs Dover Wards shoes.

If you can take some time this weekend to complete the school parent questionnaire, we would be most grateful. This is a survey we ask parents to complete annually (usually at parents' evenings) that allows us to collect parents' views and reflect on the provision we provide. It is there to celebrate the good and identify any areas you feel the school could consider to improve the experience for the children in school.



Best wishes
Graeme Wilson
Headteacher

Attendance

Attendance this week is **94.6%**
Very similar to last week, lets see if next week we can push over the 95%, with all the exciting things happening in school it would be great for all children to be here.

Headteacher: Mr G Wilson
Email: office@wincantonprimaryschool.co.uk



Aspirations – Careers week/fayre

We are still searching for volunteers to support our careers week and fayre. If you can spare some time to come in and talk to the children about your job and all that you do to help aspire future generations of business owners, hairdressers, trades people etc we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office for the attention of Mrs Stapleton. – thank you.



Well Done Medals

- **Albie** in Pluto Class for participating more within our whole class phonics lessons.
- **Jacob** in Mercury Class for persevering and showing great determination in your writing.
- **Brooke** in Earth Class for super effort and determination in her writing this week.
- **Robbie** in Venus Class for the extra detail included in his retelling of On Sudden Hill. A wonderful piece of writing!
- **Reuben** in Mars Class for working so hard to communicate effectively and showing so much positive behaviour. We are so proud of you!
- **Logan** in Neptune Class for outstanding effort and focus this week. Keep it up!
- **Gethin** in Saturn Class for being a rivers expert. Great knowledge and focus.
- **Lily-Rose** in Jupiter Class for confidently applying her times tables knowledge to multiply and divide. Well done!
- **Felicity** in Sun Class for showing fantastic engagement and enjoyment in our class story.

- **Kara-Rose** in Moon Class for completing homework to an amazing standard.
- **Sofia** in Apollo Class for brilliant use of persuasive language when exploring balanced alignments – Well done!
- **Polly** in Asteroid Class for using her times tables knowledge confidently in Maths this week.
- **Robyn** in Galaxy Class for writing a brilliant sport commentary of a chariot race.
- **Amelia** in Milky Way Class for showing her maths knowledge in a different context on our day at Wincanton Racecourse.



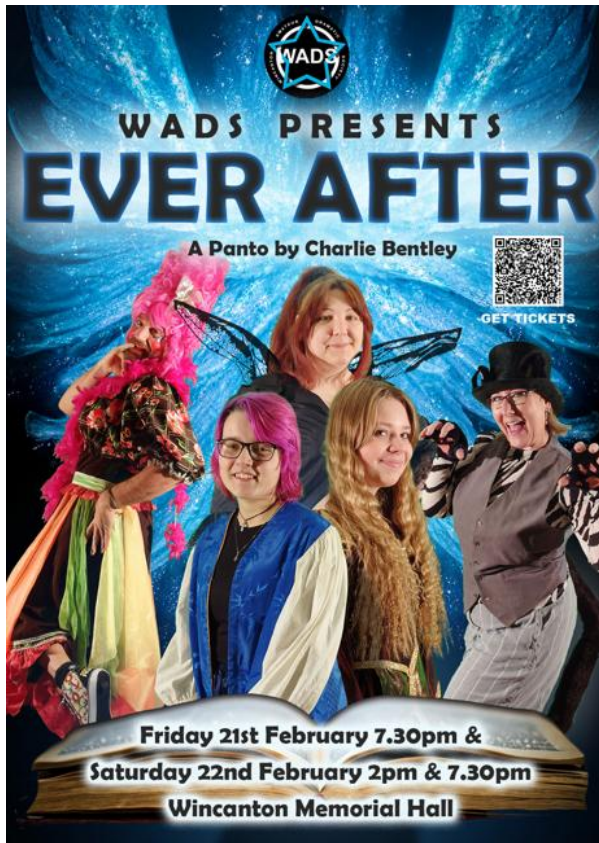
PTA Movie nights

Children are invited to a Movie Night run by the PTA on Thursday 6th February for EYFS & KS1 Thursday 13th February for KS2. They will be able to watch Despicable Me 4 and take part in minion themed activities. The £3.50 charge per child includes a drink and bag of popcorn (gluten free and vegan). **Children will be taken to the hall after school and will need to be collected from the hall at 5.30pm.** **Please book your tickets on ParentMail, only children with tickets will be able to attend.**

If there any parents that can give up their time to help at either movie night then please let us know via email:

pta@wincantonprimaryschool.co.uk. These events depend on parent support to ensure they go ahead. Thank you!

Wincanton Amateur Dramatic Society Panto.



Headteacher: Mr G Wilson
Email: office@wincantonprimaryschool.co.uk