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Friday 23rd October 2026

Note from the Deputy Head…

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term. It has been a busy and incredibly successful few weeks, and it has been wonderful to see the children fully embracing every aspect of school life.

We are currently welcoming many prospective families into school, and it is always a pleasure to hear their feedback. Visitors regularly comment on the calm, purposeful atmosphere around the school, and it is clear to see how much our children enjoy their learning and how happy they are at Wincanton Primary School.

This week, we have also welcomed parents into school to celebrate a range of learning outcomes from across the year groups:

EYFS invited parents to a dinosaur-themed afternoon of play, showcasing all the fantastic learning that has taken place this half term.

Year 1 had a tree-mendous time at Stourhead. The sun shone all day, and the children were a credit to the school as they explored and learned outdoors.

Year 2 hosted a gallery in the school hall to showcase their beautiful sunflower artwork.

Year 3 welcomed Alce Harfield back to school and proudly shared the fantastic canvas paintings they have created with parents.

Year 6 shared their fabulous John Dyer inspired artwork in a gallery.

It has certainly been a busy week, and we are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved.

We hope you all have a wonderful half-term break and enjoy some well-deserved time together with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

Best wishes
Sam Clifton
Deputy Headteacher

Chair of Governors
Choosing Our Next Headteacher – Have Your Say

Earlier today, parents and carers received a letter from the Chair of Governors providing an update on the recruitment of our next Headteacher and inviting families to contribute to the process.

We'd encourage all parents and carers to take a few minutes to complete the survey and share the qualities, values and leadership approach they'd like to see in our next Headteacher.

The survey closes on **Friday 6 November 2026**.
Complete the Parent and Carer Survey
Paper copies are also available from the school office

Attendance

We end the half term with an amazing 96.5% attendance, we thank you all for a great half term's attendance apart from one week we have been above 95% all the time. Have a great half term.



Year 4 Camp

Year 4 have enjoyed a surprisingly dry stay at Hooke Court, with only today bringing wet and damp weather! The children, although a little tired, have had a fantastic time taking part in a wide range of activities and experiencing the adventure of living away from home alongside their friends, staff and instructors at the centre. You can catch

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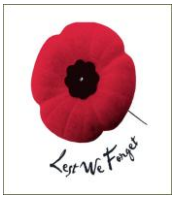
up on all their exciting experiences by visiting the Year 4 class pages on our new-look website.

Anti-Bullying Week



The week beginning 9th November is National Anti-Bullying week and we invite children to come to school on **Monday 9th November** in **odd socks** along with **school uniform or PE kit.** This is to celebrate Odd Sock Day which signifies individuality and differences. Other lessons will take place during the week to highlight awareness of bullying and the **"Power of Good."**

There is no requirement that every child takes part in the wearing of odd socks – or any other theme day. If this is something that does not feel comfortable for your child, or you feel will dysregulate them, please keep them in their regular uniform. We are only wishing to give everyone an opportunity to take part should they wish.



Remembrance parade

We are looking for volunteers who will represent the school in this year's remembrance parade on Sunday 8th November. **Please contact the office if your child's is interested in taking part in the parade and hours service in the church.**

Christmas Lunches



We are lucky to be able to offer all children the chance to enjoy a Christmas Lunch together. Please book this via ParentMail – this is priced at £3.70 or £1.00 for those on FSM. Due to the size of the hall, we have to separate the year groups so please book on the correct day:

Tues 1st Dec – Reception, Year 1 & 2
Weds 2nd – Years 3 and 4
Thurs 3rd – Years 5 and 6

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra visit

Year 2 have the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra visiting on the 4th November to introduce a musical project that will culminate with a school's concert at Westlands in the Spring that the children of Year 2 will attend and take part in.



Medals

- ***Christian*** in Pluto Class for engaging positively in our learning experience "Land of the dinosaurs". Sharing his knowledge with his class!
- ***Frances*** in Mercury Class for always using a clear confident voice and never giving up. She is a kind friend to everyone.
- ***Edward*** in Earth Class for fantastic reading skills and amazing progress in phonics. Well done!
- ***Cleo*** in Venus Class for always showing a positive attitude to all her learning. Well done!
- ***Jackson*** in Mars Class for showing amazing kindness, patience and teamwork by supporting others when they are upset.
- ***Aleksander*** in Neptune Class for your hard work in maths and the care you take to make your answers accurate.
- **Casper** in Jupiter Class for using mathematical vocabulary when explaining strategies to add and subtract mentally.
- ***Caspar*** in Saturn Class for his amazing take home task and oracy skills when presenting to the class.
- ***No medals this week for Sun and Moon Classes due to Year 4 Camp.***
- ***Sienna*** in Apollo Class for showing great curiosity and asking thoughtful questions – especially in Science!
- ***Scarlett*** in Asteroid Class for describing a character's feelings using emotive language. Well done!
- ***Lizzy*** in Milky Way Class for her brilliant coding on Scratch of a branching database to classify animals.

Team Work – Independence – Creativity - Challenge

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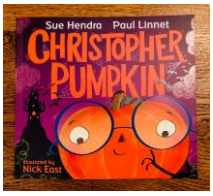
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- ***Florence*** in Galaxy Class for always having an excellent attitude to her work in all areas of the curriculum but, more importantly for being one of the kindest people I've ever met. Compassionate, understanding and endlessly thoughtful. Lucky me to spend every day with her.

Book Review by Mrs Groves

Christopher Pumpkin



Christopher isn't your ordinary pumpkin! Created by a witch to help with her scary Halloween party, he soon discovers that he much prefers all things nice rather than nasty. But there's a problem… if he can't deliver the witch's wishes, he could end up being baked into a pie!

Will Christopher manage to make the witch's Halloween dreams come true, or will he find himself coming to a sticky end?

This is a brilliant book for younger readers, with a fun storyline and a lovable character, but the humour has plenty of appeal for older children too. It's a lovely choice for Halloween reading, with just the right mix of spookiness and silliness.

Shoebox Appeal 2026



Thank you so much to everyone who donated to this good cause. 34 filled boxes from WPS have now been collected and are on their way to the various destinations.

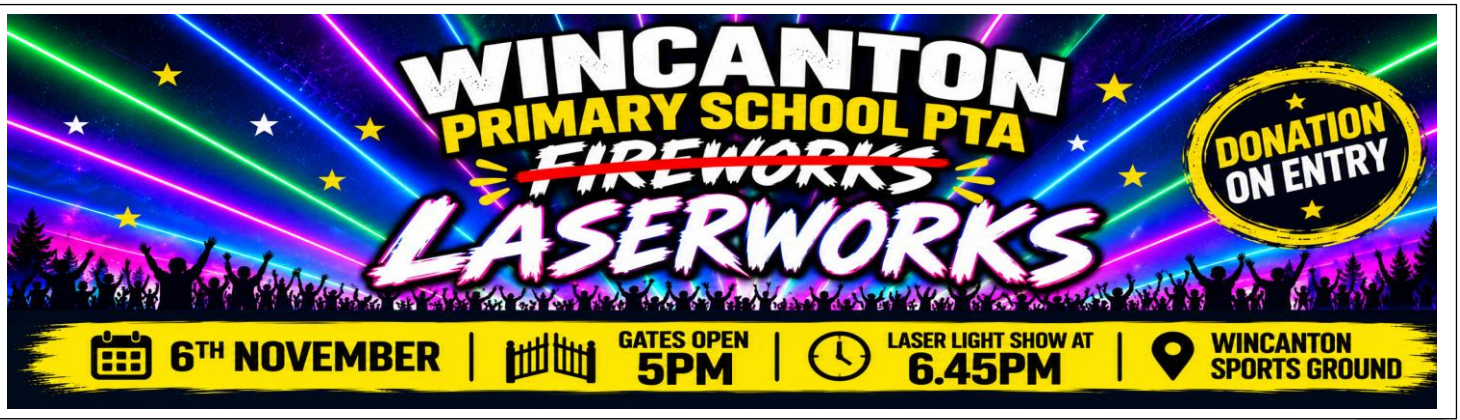
The Laserworks NEEDS YOU!

Can you lend a hand to make this event a success? We need people during the day and at the event to help out in a variety of ways. You might be marshalling, selling snacks or collecting donations.

A form was sent out on ParentMail this week. Please fill this in to let us know you can help out! The great thing about this event is that all helpers will still be able to watch the light show. We guarantee you won't miss out!

If you are able to help at the event, you will need to be available from 4.30pm. If we get lots of volunteers then we will be able to work shift patterns. The more helpers, the less time you need to commit!

Please use the form on ParentMail to let us know. Huge thanks!!!



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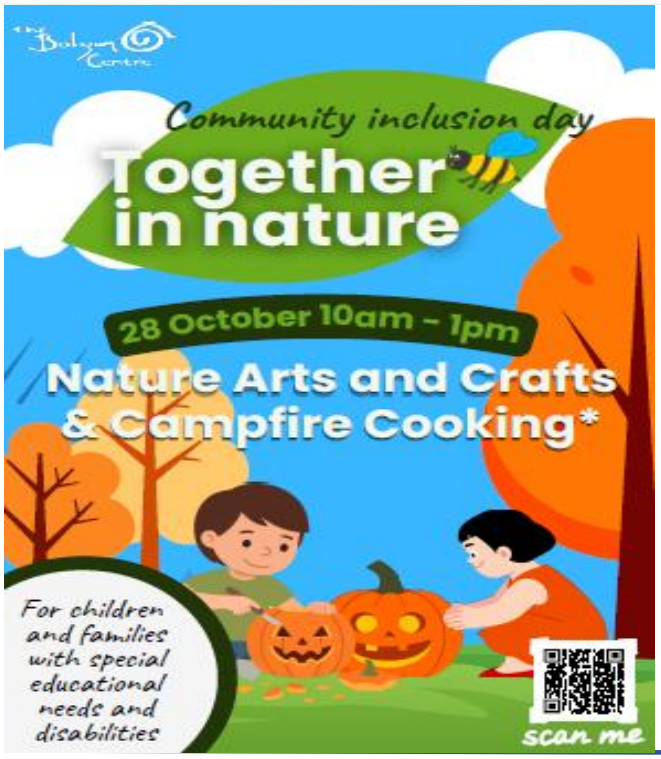
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