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Friday 13th November 2026

Note from the Head…

It was an incredible night last Friday! So lovely to see so many members of our community support our event and school; we hope you had a great evening and enjoyed something new!

This week we have been working hard, completing our hooks with children immersing themselves in their Learning Experiences for the term.



Seeing the number of children representing their organisations in the Remembrance Parade on Sunday was wonderful. It filled me with pride to see them walking, representing their school and club. We held a short assembly as a whole school in front of our giant poppy on Wednesday, with a minute's silence to mark our respect for the fallen and servicing members of the armed forces – thanking them all for the bravery and courage they display.

A new Senior Leadership Team (SLT) has been appointed for the interim period of the spring and summer term. A separate letter from Mrs Clifton was shared on Parent Mail today. Whilst the school enters a period of change, Mrs Clifton and the SLT are fully committed to ensuring continuity and clear direction for the school, as the new Headteacher is appointed. Should you have any questions, please do contact us.

Christmas is starting to creep in, with songs being learnt for Nativities, requests for Glee and children to attend Fairs and Care homes, but the focus on learning will remain. Classes will be decorated on the 28th November and I have listed the planned events on this letter for your information. Please note more information will be sent shortly regarding lunches on Christmas Dinner days.

It has been a really positive week and we look forward to another packed week ahead.

Best wishes
Graeme Wilson
Headteacher



PTA Laserworks

What an incredible evening! Our Laserworks event was a fantastic success, filled with spectacular lights, wonderful performances and a brilliant community atmosphere. We had over 1400 people through the gates and have raised over £3000 for our school. A huge thank you to all our sponsors, local businesses, Wincanton Sports Ground, all our volunteers who helped to make the evening possible. We are so grateful for your generosity and support. And of course thank you to everyone who came along and supported our school.

If you enjoyed the Laserworks and want to get involved with helping organise other events like this, our PTA AGM is coming up and everyone is welcome. Please join is in the school hall on **Tuesday 1st December** at **7.15pm** to find out more!

Attendance – 97.1%

WOW! What an amazing end of the week attendance percentage, the children have enjoyed a brilliant week at school. A huge thank you for all the hard work involved in keeping the attendance above 95%.

Year 5



On Monday, Year 5 took part in an exciting drama workshop led by a local actor and storyteller. The children explored early stories from the area we now know as Somerset and the Mendip Hills, bringing local history to life through drama and storytelling. The workshop linked well with our current learning about the Stone Age and early human existence, helping the children to develop a greater

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understanding of how people lived, communicated and shared stories in the past.

On our Hook Day, the children travelled back in time to the Stone Age! The children discovered the fascinating history of the famous Lascaux Cave in France and learnt about the incredible prehistoric paintings found inside. Inspired by these ancient masterpieces, the children had a go at creating their very own cave paintings. They also enjoyed storytelling around the campfire, discovered what life was like at Skara Brae, tested their knowledge with a Stone Age quiz and finished with an exciting PE mammoth hunt! What a fantastic day of exploring, learning and bringing history to life!

Children in Need

What fun it has been seeing all wild and wonderful designs created for Crazy Hair Day. Thank you for all your efforts. Currently we have raised £250.00 for this worthwhile cause, the payment window is still open on ParentMail for those who haven't contributed and wish to do so.

Book Fair

We are excited to say that the book fair is returning to Wincanton Primary School and will be available after school on the back playground from **Weds 18th – Tues 24th Nov**, payment for books is at present by **cash only**, we will update you if this changes. Please make use of this facility and support us with your child's reading.

Anti-Bullying Week



The week beginning 16th November is National Anti-Bullying week and we invite children to come to school on **Monday 16th 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 **"Break the Silence."**

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.

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

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

Wednesday 2nd Dec 1pm – 3pm

EMOTION COACHING FOR PARENTS Facilitated by Alison Parsons PFSA and Denny Verlander ELSA

A 2 hour course around the Emotion Coaching style of parenting.
Help communication in your home! Learn an easy process to encourage and enable conversations about important situations, concerns and worries that your child may have now or in the future.

Please complete the form on Parentmail should you wish to attend or let the school office know.

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Christmas Events 2026:
Christmas Dinner – EYFS / Yr1/ Yr2 – 1st December
Year ¾ - 2nd December
Year 5/6 – 3rd December

Year 1 / 2 Nativity - 8th December 1:45pm
Year 1 / 2 Nativity - 9th December 5pm

EYFS Nativity – 15th December 9:15am @ the church

Class Christmas Parties – 17th December 1:15pm

EYFS/KS1 Carol service – 18th Dec 11am
KS2 Carol Service – 18th Dec 1:45pm
End of term - 18th December



Medals

- ***Gloria*** in Pluto Class for showing an improvement in learning behaviours in the class. Well done Gloria.
- ***Rudy*** in Mercury Class for always trying his hardest in everything and independently reading words.
- ***Filip*** in Earth Class for beautiful handwriting and extending your sentences in English. Keep up the amazing work!
- ***Esmay*** in Venus Class for independently completing all of her subtraction number sentences with confidence – Well done!
- ***Bonnie*** in Mars Class for challenging yourself in maths with a positive attitude when doing maths problem solving and never giving up!
- ***Jacob*** in Neptune Class for his fantastic contribution in English this week during our role-play activities.
- ***Robbie*** in Jupiter Class for using some super vocabulary when describing King Minos and always producing high quality work.
- ***Daisy*** in Saturn Class for contributing so confidently in our class debate about Sparta and Athens.
- ***Huxley*** in Sun Class for excellent sewing in our Hook Day. Huxley showed perseverance and resilience. Well done, I am so proud of you!
- ***Logan H***. in Moon Class for an excellent effort learning his times tables. Well done! ☺
- ***Ethan*** in Apollo Class for throwing himself back in time and putting in great effort on our hook day, particularly as a Neanderthal!
- ***Gethin*** in Asteroid Class for using fantastic expression when acting out a scene from the Stone Age during our Hook Day!
- ***Lexie-Mae*** in Milky Way for her brilliant explanation in maths when ordering and comparing fractions. Keep up the enthusiasm!
- ***Flora*** in Galaxy Class for consistently producing really excellent writing (in a range of genres) that is a joy to read – picking up your English book is such a treat!

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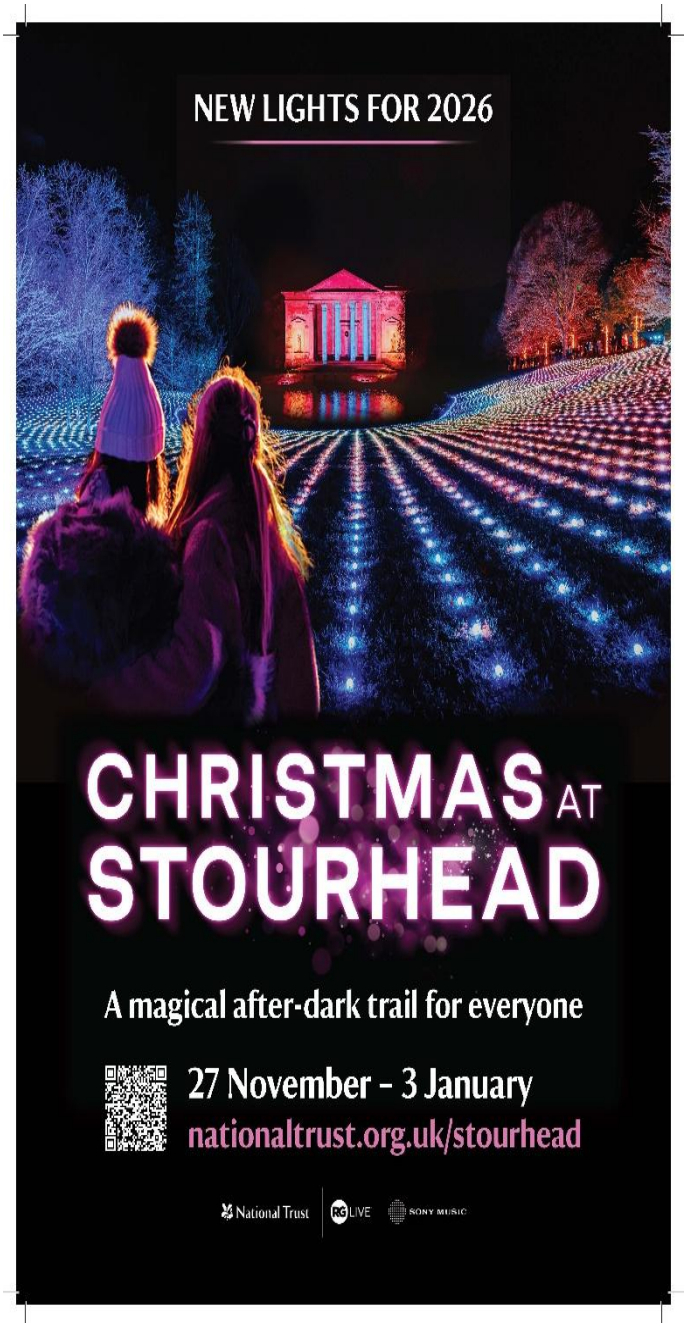
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