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Friday 20th November 2026

Note from the Head…



Odd Socks Day on Monday marked the start of our focus on **Anti-Bullying Week**, with this year's theme, **'Break the Silence'**. Throughout the week, children have explored the importance of using their voice and have agreed to the following pledge:

When we see something wrong, we won't ignore it.
When someone needs support, we will help them find it.
When we are worried, we will speak to someone we trust.
Together, we will Break the Silence.

Together, we will continue to create a school where everyone feels safe, valued, protected, and heard.

EYFS had a fabulous time on Tuesday at Willow Vale Animal Experience! The children represented the school beautifully and showed great enthusiasm, curiosity and interest in all the animals they encountered. For many of the children, the coach journey was a highlight of the day too, adding to the excitement of a memorable trip. We were incredibly proud of how well they behaved and the positive attitude they demonstrated throughout the visit.

I am extremely proud of our school as you will know, however this week we have had recognition on a national level! This week Mrs Richards was invited to the House of Commons where she was awarded the prize for the Anti-Bullying Week 2026 School Staff Award. Following a nomination from Dylan in Year 6 and Mrs Verlander, Mrs Richards was selected from across the whole of the UK by a panel of child ambassadors for the National Children's Bureau. This prestigious award is a true reflection of the support and guidance she and the school offer our children, providing a safe space for our pupils to share and deal with conflict, as well as promoting respect, kindness and care. Congratulations Mrs Richards – well deserved recognition for the wonderful impact your work has on our young people. Thank you to Dylan also for nominating her.

Have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes
Graeme Wilson
Headteacher



Scholastic Book Fair
Just a reminder that our Book Fair will be in school until next Tuesday. If the weather is dry, you'll find it on the back playground. If not, it will be under the shelter outside the Year 6 area.

We would love your support. Every book you buy not only helps to inspire a love of reading in your child, but also earns free books for our school. The more books sold, the more new and exciting books we can add to our library for all children to enjoy. Great for Christmas present ideas! Thank you.

Children in Need
Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need, last week. We managed to raise **£275** for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you for all your support.

Team Work – Independence – Creativity - Challenge

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Little Princess Trust

We have had two members of our school make an amazing charitable donation this week! Bea in Year 4 and Mrs Sutherland have both donated their hair to this charity that makes wigs for patients receiving chemotherapy. It is an amazing contribution and we are very proud of them both. Well done 😊

Wincanton Community Hospital Christmas Fayre

The hospital is having its annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 28th November from 4pm. Glee have been asked to perform – if your child is in Glee, please can you complete the form on ParentMail so we know how many will be able to perform.

Child pick up

Please can we remind parents that children are not allowed on the clamberstack in the rear playground or climbing equipment and resources in the EYFS outdoor area at the end of the school day. Parents are responsible for their children when they are released to them. Please can we ask parents to hold their conversations outside of these areas at the end of the day, preventing the children finding a need to be occupied. Many thanks for your understanding.



Medals

- ***Yusuf*** in Pluto Class for being a phonics superstar this week. You have tried so hard and your enthusiasm for reading is incredible!
- ***Charlie*** in Mercury Class for always being a kind and polite role model. He is the first to share and help his friends.
- ***Arthur JB*** in Earth Class for a fantastic independent write and excellent listening.
- ***Theo A*** in Venus Class showing increasing independence in his learning and being a fantastic role model – well done!
- ***Grace*** in Mars Class for working brilliantly as part of a team showing fantastic focus and sharing kindly with others.
- ***Hristina*** in Neptune Class for her kind and caring attitude towards her peers.
- ***George*** in Jupiter Class for being an incredible role model for the class and working so hard in every lesson – particularly in English. Keep it up.
- ***Zachary*** in Saturn Class for being a truly amazing member of Saturn Class and making the effort to improve his writing.
- ***Ahidah*** in Sun Class for showing just how much you can achieve with a positive attitude! Your willingness to challenge yourself has been wonderful to see.
- ***Elliot*** in Moon Class for excellent use of persuasive language phrases in English. Well done!
- ***Maison*** in Apollo Class for fantastic work finding and identifying equivalent fractions.
- ***Olivia*** in Asteroid Class for showing great perseverance when using a hand drill during forest school.
- ***Charlotte*** in Galaxy Class for producing the most FANTASTIC piece of descriptive writing to open a story with scene setting that was so vivid Mrs Heath felt as though she was in Pompeii! You say you want to be an author …. I'd say you are well on your way!
- ***Theo*** in Milky Way Class for his brilliant maths work on fractions – finding equivalent fractions and comparing. Keep it up!

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December Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via Zoom. 90 minutes long
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Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours

Raising Self-Esteem	30 Nov 10am
Introduction to OCD	30 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	7 Dec 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	7 Dec 7pm
Improving Family Communication	8 Dec 10am
What is ACT?	8 Dec 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	14 Dec 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	14 Dec7pm
Understanding Anger	15 Dec 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 Dec 7pm

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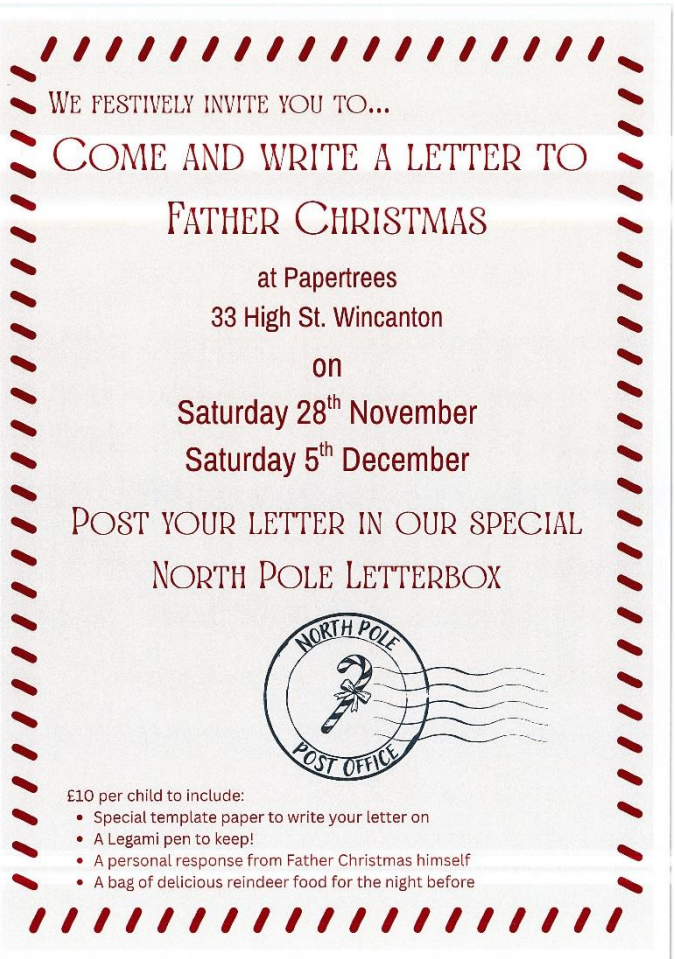
FACE offers parents practical advice, information and support, across a wide range of topics, including supporting neurodiverse children, understanding emotions and managing behaviour.

Go to facefamilyadvice.co.uk or click here Go to PARENTS – Live talks page.

Accessing the talks free of charge: the add school name access code is add school code

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.

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