



Wincanton Primary School

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### Note from the Head...

This will be our last newsletter of the year, and what a year it has been! So many successes and

achievements that just demonstrate the specialness of WPS. Our Ofsted inspection reflects the continuous hard work of everyone involved in our school, the children, parents, staff and governors, all working to ensure our children get the very best possible start.

Developments in our writing curriculum, the introduction of a new Senior Leadership Team, EYFS team, staffing across the school – all have worked tirelessly to ensure our school remains focused on our pupils and their development, as well as their enrichment through engaging learning experiences and extra curricular activities as well as our strong pastoral support programme. The provision of breakfast club, Tea Time Club and holiday club are not offered by every school and I am thankful to all staff who volunteer to run these provisions for our working families. All of this goes to making our school a very special and brilliant place to be.

As always the end of the year marks potential staff changes and this year is no different. We'd like to thank Mrs Deane for coming back from retirement to support Mars class for the Summer term. Mrs Goodinge and Mrs Williams for supporting Sun Class. Miss Talbott is our sports coach has provided great support this year to our PE teaching – we wish her well at her next school. As previously informed, Miss Phillips will be leaving to take on her Masters Degree.

Sadly too, we will be saying goodbye and thank you two highly experienced LSAs: Mrs Hiscock and Miss Wingrove, who after dedicating their time to the



school over the past 5- 9 years providing support and intervention to children mainly in the 5/6 team are both off to support pupils in different settings, one in the secondary sector and the other in a specialist provision. We thank them wholeheartedly for all they have given to the school and wish them every success moving forward. Thankyou to all our staff.

As we prepare for our new intake, it means we say goodbye our incredible year 6 pupils. They have worked so hard this year, with many making exceeding progress and far outperforming their targets for the year. Their commonardary and support shown to each other be it in learning, on camp or during the show is clear to see that strong friendships and respect for one another is a key feature of this cohort. Thank you Year 6 for all you have brought to your time at the school and we wish you every success as you enter the relm of secondary school. Good luck – we will miss you.

Lastly, I thank you, the parents – for your continued support in all we do and look forward to seeing those who are returning for the new academic year in September.

For those leaving the school, be it your child is in Year 6 or you are leaving for a change of circumstances, thank you for choosing WPS and we wish you the very best in your new settings and adventures.

Kindest Regards  
Graeme Wilson  
Headteacher



### Attendance

Attendance this week is 94.5%, finishing the year under the 95% mark does not overshadow the hard work everyone has put into school attendance this year. Thank you all very much for helping us with

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## Dates for the term:

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**Yr 6 Ice Cream Van** - 21<sup>st</sup> July pm  
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attendance, over the year we have increased our overall attendance by 0.8% and pupil premium children by 1%. Well done to all.

### Co-op opening

School council representatives were invited to cut the ribbon of the new Co-op opposite the Healthcentre yesterday morning. The children were given a goodie bag and had the honor of being the first people in the store!



### School Council Cake Sale

Thank you for all your kind donations for the cake sale, it was a huge success and hopefully raised lots of money towards updating the pond area. We have a final cake sale planned today after school so will update you with the total raised next week.

### Yr6 Performance

And the Oscar goes too...?  
Whole of Year 5 and 6 who's performance of "The Wind in the Willows" astounded all who saw it. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part – the children and staff worked extremely hard and produced a stunning show for us all – Congratulations everyone!



### Leavers assembly and arrangements

We look forward to our year 6 leavers' service on **Wednesday at 9:15am**. There will be refreshments served after the service for parents to enjoy some time with their child.

At **3:10pm** the children will meet on the playground for their **final countdown** to the end of their

primary school years and you are warmly invited to share this special moment.

During the day the children can have a **spare** t-shirt that they can ask friends and staff to sign. This is **NOT** the t-shirt they are wearing but a **SPARE** one. (Children will need to bring in pens for signing.)

Today the Year 6 have received their **Leaver's Hoodies** and will be entitled to wear them for the remaining three days if they wish.



### Year 1, Year 3 and 5 outcomes

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Year 1 and Year 5 outcomes this week; sharing their learning and discussing their experience. Children in Year 3 yesterday enjoyed a Viking feast of stew and dumplings and Ginger Ale.

### iRock Concert

The **Battle of the Bands** took place this morning in the hall in front of KS2 and the parents of the performing pupils. It was awesome to see the 5 bands go head to head, performing rock and pop classics together. There was even a small intimate performance at the end for those pupils who did not wish to perform in front of the masses. SO if your child is interested in joining a band there is a leaflet coming home with them that you can sign up ready for next year's gig! **ROCK ON!!!**



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### 5 Reads Champions

This week's reads are:

| Class   | No. of children with 5 reads |
|---------|------------------------------|
| Pluto   | 14                           |
| Mercury | 9                            |
| Earth   | 11                           |
| Venus   | 12                           |
| Neptune | 10                           |
| Mars    | 10                           |

**TEA TIME CLUB** - please note there will be no Tea Time Club provision on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025, the last day of term.



### Well Done Medals

- **Samuel** in Pluto Class for showing fantastic determination towards his phonics and writing!
- **Harrison** in Mercury Class for asking questions clearly to an important visitor.
- **Maeve** in Earth Class for not only completing all her Maths but doing more without being asked to.
- **Malindi** in Venus Class for her positive attitude and outstanding effort in all of her learning this year.
- **Felix** in Mars Class for having a positive attitude to his learning this week.
- **Primrose** in Neptune Class for consistently trying her best and making excellent progress in all lessons.
- **Eva** in Saturn Class for consistently demonstrating kindness and empathy towards others.

- **Maison** in Jupiter Class for working well in a team and listening carefully when preparing our Anglo-Saxon feast.
- **Fenn** in Sun Class for continued fantastic effort in all areas of learning. You are a star! ★
- **Emilia** in Moon Class for always putting in 100% effort into every lesson and activity.
- **Liam** in Apollo Class for amazing teamwork skills when making his carnival cart! Well done!!
- **Martim** in Asteroid Class for singing his heart out, being present and focused on both nights at our production!.
- **Avah-Rose** in Galaxy Class for her amazing effort and hard work this year.
- **Malwina** in Milky Way Class for working hard on her expression and volume for our production.

## School Vacancies

- **1:1 SEN Learning Support Assistant in Year 1 - Full Time**
- **1:1 SEN Learning Support Assistant in Year 4 - Mornings plus 3 afternoons**
- **Head Cleaner 15 or 20 hours to include locking up at the end of the day**

For further information please see the vacancies page on our school website:

<https://www.wincantonprimaryschool.co.uk/vacancies/>

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