

NEWSLETTER



Be the best you can be!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break – it already feels like a distant memory, doesn't it? The run-up to Christmas term always seems to whizz by in a flurry of glitter, glue sticks and Christmas jumpers. (Although, I should say, one member of staff – who shall remain nameless! – likes to start Christmas in September!! :))

This term, we're so pleased to welcome Mrs Smith back from maternity leave. It's fantastic to have her return, bringing her trademark energy and enthusiasm – no small feat when you've got two little ones at home! Thank you to Mr Nelson and Mrs Bailey for holding the fort in Year 5 whilst Mrs Smith has been off.

Mrs Smith has already made her mark with a big reveal of our new KS2 book area, which she unveiled last week. While our school library had a makeover last year, it was clear our KS2 area needed a bit of TLC. The new area looks fantastic, and we're encouraging children to take pride in keeping it tidy and treating the books with respect. Over the next few weeks, children will also have the exciting task of naming the new book space – we can't wait to hear their creative suggestions! We have had some amazing ones in already! On the subject of books—you managed to help raise £655.65 worth of rewards to spend with Scholastic!! This is amazing—thank you so much! Mrs Worth, as English lead in the school, now has the fun job of choosing new books for the children!

If you've been in school recently, you might have noticed another change: the hall panels have had a makeover too. The once multicoloured panels are now proudly sporting Winhills blue! A huge thank you to Mr Thorn and our CEO, Mr Lewis for rolling up their sleeves and getting stuck in with the painting – it's made such a difference. (And yes, even some of the curtains have disappeared – progress!)

This week, Rock Steady returned to school with an exciting relaunch assembly! The children loved joining in with the music and were inspired by the chance to be part of a real rock band. If you would like your child to take part in Rock Steady sessions, please contact the office.

This week, we marked Remembrance Day helping the children reflect on the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict. The children have produced some amazing art work too.

This week also saw a real treat for Key Stage 2 children—our cinema trip on Tuesday! They watched Sonic the Hedgehog 3! The children walked to and from the cinema beautifully and were a real credit to the school, demonstrating our Winhills values of being ready, respectful and safe throughout. EYFS and KS1 children will be attending their screening of The Smurfs on Wednesday 26th November.



Finally, today the school has been looking particularly spotty as we mark Children in Need Day. Thank you to everyone who's joined in with the fun and donated – every contribution helps make a difference. If you haven't yet, please do donate via the link sent out by the office.

Next Friday, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Goodey, who has been a valued teaching assistant at Winhills for 8 years. True to her name, Mrs Goodey has brought laughter, kindness, and dedication to everything she does. She has been a wonderful support to both children and staff, and her cheerful presence will be greatly missed by everyone. Mrs Goodey is also a qualified veterinary nurse, and she has decided to continue her career in that field. We wish her every success and happiness in this next chapter of her journey.

We will miss you Mrs Goodey!

Best wishes

Mrs Besant and all of the staff at Winhills

Dates for your diary

October

Monday 27th—Friday 31st—October Half Term

November

Monday 3rd—Staff Training Day

Tuesday 4th—Autumn Term Continues

Tuesday 25th—PTA Non School Uniform Day

Wednesday 26th—KS1 Into Film Festival—Cineworld St. Neots

December

Friday 5th December –PTA Colour Clothing Day

Wednesday 10th—Christmas dinner

Wednesday 10th—Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 11th—Mop Up NHS Flu Vaccinations

Friday 12th— National Santa Dash

Tuesday 16th - EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play 10am

Tuesday 16th - EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play 2pm

Monday 22nd—Friday 2nd January—Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2026

January

Monday 5th—Spring Term Starts

Thursday 22nd—Yr6 Young Voice O2 Arena

February

Monday 16th—Friday 20th—February Half Term

Monday 23rd—Spring Term Continues

Dates for your diary

March

Thursday 5th—World Book Day

Monday 9th—SEND Parents Evening

Thursday 12th March—Year 3 Class Assembly

Tuesday 17th—Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th—Parents Evening

Friday 27th—Term Ends

Monday 30th—Friday 10th April—Easter Holidays

April

Monday 13th—Staff Training Day

Tuesday 14th April—Summer Term Starts

Thursday 23rd—Year 4 Class Assembly

May

Monday 4th—May Bank Holiday

Monday 25th—Friday 29th—May Half Term

June

Monday 1st—Summer Term Continues

Thursday 11th—Year 5 Class Assembly

July

Wednesday 1st July Sports Day

Thursday 9th—Year 6 Leavers Performance

Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th—Yr 6 Hilltop Residential

Friday 17th—Year 6 Garden Party and Celebration Day

Friday 17th—Term Ends