

# NEWSLETTER



*Be the best you can be!*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the Easter holidays, work certainly didn't stop at Winhills. We've been busy continuing to improve the environment for both our children and staff, and I'm delighted to share some of the fantastic progress that has been made.

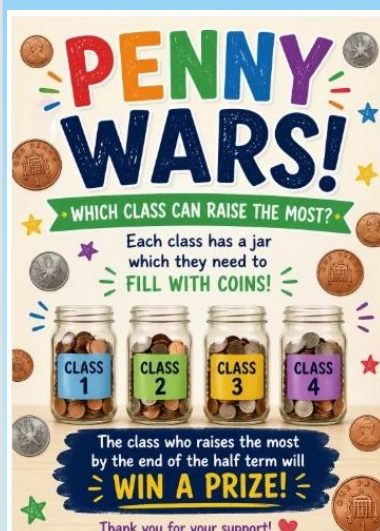
We were incredibly fortunate to receive voluntary support from Places for People during the second week of the holidays. A fantastic team came on site and worked tirelessly to redecorate key areas of the school, making a real difference.



Our new EYFS area, which was very much in need of attention, has been completely transformed. The results are outstanding, and both children and staff are delighted with the refreshed space and new classroom environment. The team built a brand-new sandpit, supplied sand, carried out much-needed painting, created planters, and so much more—the impact of their work has been truly significant.



The relocation of Breakfast and After School Club and our sensory provision, The Hills, into the former EYFS area has also been a very positive move. It's lovely to see these spaces being used so effectively. We will keep striving to make Winhills the very best it can be for our children!! They deserve it!



Mrs Smith and I held an assembly on Monday to promote Penny Wars. The children were absolutely buzzing about this but we made it clear with them not to take any pennies from home that are not theirs! We also shared some new playground resources (Courtesy of Places for People). It was the most energetic assembly I've done in a while—I didn't think it would involve Mrs Smith and I skipping!

You may have noticed that the Year 4 and Year 6 classrooms affected by flooding are also undergoing a full makeover. Thank you to the parents who have kindly offered their help - it is hugely appreciated. We'll be in touch! These rooms will be fully ready for September.

Last Wednesday, we were proud to host a Trust Dodgeball event here at Winhills. These events are always a highlight, bringing our schools together and giving children the chance to compete, collaborate and have fun.

Finally, on Thursday, Year 4 treated us to a fantastic class assembly, showcasing their learning with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done Year 4, Mrs Burns and Mrs Lee!

A quick reminder that school will be closed on Monday for the bank holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> may

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best Wishes, Mrs Besant and all the staff at Winhills :)

**Dates for your diary**

**Summer Term 2026**

**May**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>—May Bank Holiday

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>—Friday 29<sup>th</sup>—May Half Term

**June**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>—Summer Term Continues

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>—Class Photographs

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>—Reception class trip Shepreth Wildlife Park

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>—Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>—Year 3 and Year 5 Visit to Whipsnade Zoo

**July**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>—Sports Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>—Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Herrings Green Activity Farm and Bird of Prey Centre

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>—Year 6 Leavers Performance

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>—Yr 6 Hilltop Residential

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>—Year 6 Garden Party and Celebration Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>—Term Ends