

# NEWSLETTER



*Be the best you can be!*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am not entirely sure where June has gone? The EYFS trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park certainly provided plenty of excitement. The weather did its very best to test everyone's waterproofs and resilience, but despite getting rather soggy, the children had an absolutely fantastic day. Let's hope it wasn't too hot for our Year 3's and 5's at Whipsnade today!



Year 1 have absolutely smashed their Phonics Screening Check. I have loved spending time with the children during the assessments and hearing them confidently tackle words that would have seemed impossible at the start of the year. It is one of my favourite jobs as Headteacher because it gives me the chance to spend time with every child and celebrate just how much progress they have made. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves.

Meanwhile, Year 4 tackled the Multiplication Tables Check with determination and confidence. Mrs Burns and Mrs Lee are very proud of the children.

Year 5 treated us to a brilliant class assembly, showcasing everything they have learned this year. Mrs Smith said the children confidently took charge, delivered their parts beautifully and demonstrated just how much they have grown this year. I suspect there may be a few future teachers, presenters and performers amongst them.



Of course, one of the biggest highlights of the month was Sports Day. What a fantastic event!



It was touch and go as to whether it would go ahead with the rain...but the weather was kind. Mrs Smith kicked off the event with the Cha Cha Slide. The children were incredible and the



atmosphere was lovely. A huge thank you goes to Mr Franco for organising such a successful day. The amount of planning that goes into an event like this is huge!

Most of the year groups have had a trip to the library this month which has been great with our push on getting the children reading and the children have really enjoyed the visits.

Mrs Southwood, Miss McShane and I had an attendance meeting this week, and I'm pleased to say that we are moving in the right direction. Please remember that if your child is feeling a little under the weather, it is often worth sending them into school. Nine times out of ten, once they are here and settled with their friends, they are absolutely fine. Of course, if they are unwell or their condition worsens during the day, we will contact you straight away.

Unfortunately, we have had to issue fines to some families this term for holidays taken during term time, as we are required to follow County guidance. We would ask parents to refrain from booking holidays during term time wherever possible, as every day in school makes a difference to children's learning and progress. Thank you for your continued support in helping us improve attendance across the school.

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**

**July**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>—Moving up Afternoon

Monday 6th - Yr1 and Yr2 Summer trip—Herrings Green Activity Farm

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

Thursday 16th - Year 6 Leavers Performance 2pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>—Year 6 Leavers Celebration Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>—Term Ends

**Autumn Term 2026**

**September**

Tuesday 1st—Staff Training Day

Wednesday 2nd—Staff Training Day

Thursday 3rd—Autumn Term Starts

**October**

Monday 26th– Friday 30th—October Half Term

**November**

Monday 2nd—Autumn Term Continues