

NEWSLETTER



Be the best you can be!



Dear Parents and Carers,

A bit late but...Happy New Year and welcome to the January edition of the Winhills Headteacher's Newsletter! It has been genuinely lovely to see the children back through the doors, refreshed and ready to learn

True to form, January decided not to ease us gently into the new term. Instead, we were greeted with an unexpected flood in the Year 6 classroom from a burst pipe. Not quite the water feature anyone had planned! The water also soaked the Year 4 carpet. . However, I couldn't be prouder of how calmly and positively both staff and children responded. Lessons continued, albeit in a different end of the school, spirits stayed high and it really summed up the resilience and teamwork that make Winhills such a special place.

Despite the soggy start, learning has been very much in full flow. Our Year 5 children have started their swimming sessions. Alongside this, they were lucky to have visits from the Mental Health Support Team working with the children through their brilliant Brain Buddies sessions. These sessions help pupils understand their emotions, build resilience and develop strategies to support their wellbeing.

Still on the soggy theme...The year 1's made rain gauges. Mrs Knox and the children checked them daily—the children loved this! The gauges were put in different places to see how much rain is caught depending on where they were- in front of a tree, in the middle of the field etc



Our Year 6 had an amazing experience attending Young Voices at the O2. Representing Winhills on such a huge stage was something very special, and the children were an absolute credit to the school. Mrs Luzerri, Mrs Willinson and Mrs Brokborne were so proud of the children's behaviour, enthusiasm and confidence. They really are a credit to you and us!



Years 3 and 4 have also been extremely busy. They took part in Bikeability training, building confidence and essential road safety skills. In the classroom, history has well and truly come off the page as pupils explored life in Ancient Egypt. From pharaohs to pyramids, the children and staff looked amazing in their costumes. The children asked thoughtful questions and showed a real curiosity about the past. The children and staff looked absolutely amazing in their costumes.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Best Wishes,

Mrs Besant and all the staff at Winhills :)

Dates for your diary

Spring Term 2026

January

Tuesday 13th—Year 6 Trip to Kettles Yard Cambridge

Thursday 22nd—Year 6 Trip to Young Voices at the O2 Arena

Friday 23rd—Yr3 and Yr4 History Off the Page—Life in ancient Egypt

February

Thursday 5th—PTA Film Night

Monday 9th—KS1 History Off the Page—The History of Toys

Monday 9th—PTA AGM 2.30pm

Thursday 12th Yr 5 and Yr6 History Off The Page—Life In Tudor Times

Friday 13th—PTA Valentines Day Non School Uniform

Monday 16th—Friday 20th—February Half Term

Monday 23rd—Spring Term Continues

Friday 27th—Year 6 Visit to Lindermann College

March

Monday 2nd—Wednesday 4th—Yr 4 Residential to Grafham Water

Thursday 5th—World Book Day

Thursday 12th March—Year 3 Class Assembly

Friday 13th March Easter Non School Uniform

Tuesday 17th—Parents Evening

Wednesday 18th—Parents Evening

Wednesday 25th—SEND 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

June

Monday 1st—Sumer Term Continues

Thursday 11th—Year 5 Class Assembly

July

Wednesday 1st—Sports Day

Monday 6th—Summer Fete

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