September 2026

NEWSLETTER

Be the best you can be!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems strange to be saying 'Welcome back' at the end of what's been a busy first month at Winhills. Having said that, it is a lovely chance to reflect on how much the children have already come on since returning after the summer holiday. A warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and their families. We are so proud of how you are settling in—they are working extremely hard and it is a pleasure seeing the lovely, smiley faces around school (especially at lunchtime). Remember, we have a parent stay and play session in Reception on Thursday 1st October at 8.50am—we would love to see as many families there. We would like to welcome Mrs Saunders to the Winhills team. Many of the children met her last year, but it is wonderful to have her here on a full-time basis. She is loving her time with the reception class.





Year 6 were luck enough to have a local magistrate visit already this term. Mr Watts spoke to the children about his role as a magistrate, how the court system works and how criminal responsibility works. As always, Winhills children did us proud with their attitude and behaviour in this session. Mr Watts was particularly impressed with their multitude of questions.

We are incredibly proud of how all the children have settled into their new classes. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying their learning in their new classrooms, although sometimes I need reminders about which year group I am in.

We are proud to be selected for a Tesco grant providing healthy snacks for Key Stage 2 children. We have decided to have "Wellbeing Wednesdays" where all children in Key Stage 2 can select a piece of fruit. This was very well received last week.



Our FREE Breakfast Club has launched! We have had about a third of the school use this provision so far. Remember, children arriving at school for FREE Breakfast Club will receive a breakfast before the start of the school day. Arrive from 8am onwards to use this provision.

Clubs have started for this term, we have a variety of clubs run by staff. If you would like to register your child onto a club, please contact the school office.

As many of you know, Mrs Besant has been away from school while she supports her daughter with her health. She is in regular contact with us and is very much missing the children, families and staff; we know she will be touched by all of the kind messages and good wishes she has received. We continue to send our very best to Mrs Besant and her family and will welcome her back when the time is right.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term 1 2026

Thursday 1st October—Census Day

Wednesday 14th October—Book Fair Arrives (available for one week)

Thursday 15th October—Individual School Photographs

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October—Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd October—Bikeability Level 1 (Year 3 and Year 4 children)

Half term—Week Beginning Monday 26th October

Autumn Term 2 2026

Monday 2nd November—Autumn Term continues

Friday 6th November—Vision Screening for EYFS

Monday 16th November—Bikeability Level 1 and Level 2 (Year 5 and Year 6 children)

Wednesday 18th November - Reception 2027 tours at 2pm

Wednesday 25th November—Reception 2027 tours at 2pm

Friday 11th December—Rock Steady Concert (time TBC)

Tuesday 15th December—EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity Performances

Friday 18th December – last day of Autumn Term



