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SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Dates To Note

- 24.02 All children return to school
- 24.02 Art Society Visit to Year 3
- 03.03 Fire & Rescue (Y1 & Y5)
- 05.03 Book Fair end 10.03
- 05.03 Sports Hall athletics final
- 05.03 Parents Evening for YR-6
- 06.03 World Book Day
- 11.03 Parents Evening for All Years
- 12.03 Parent forum on behaviour
- 18.03 Y6 SATS Meeting
- 19.03 Year 5 Visit to The Anvil
- 31.03 Rock 2 The Beat Concert
- 02.04 KS2 Gym competition
- 04.04 Last day of term**

Please see our Diary Dates on the website for more information about events.

What We're Learning Next

Year R : Amazing Animals

Year 1 : Fire! Fire!

Year 2 : North South East and West

Year 3 : Rainforest Reverie

Year 4 : Invaders Galore—Anglo Saxons

Year 5 : Ruling Royals

Year 6 : Cradle of Life

N O T I C E S

Please do name all clothing—it is much easier to return lost property to your child if we know who it belongs to.

Scooters and Bicycles should always be pushed across the playground, and not ridden.

Dinner Money and Breakfast Club charges should be paid in advance, either by cash to the office or by card on Arbor.

As we start seeing warmer weather, please make sure your child has a waterproof coat for the wetter days and sunscreen should be applied before school on sunny days. Please do check the forecast as we cannot apply sunscreen in school.

If your child needs medicine during the school day, this must be handed in to the office, and a form completed. Please note that all prescription medicines **must** be in the original box, with the information leaflet and the prescription label.

Please do park considerately in the neighbourhood and do not block residents' access or garages.



CELEBRATE OUR PUPILS' SUCCESSES



Kaine Duncombe in Year 6 has signed for a Junior Premier League team (JPL). He and his team will play at St. James Park, home of the England Football Team, for regional championship after becoming south coast number 1 regional champions in u11's JPL.

Theo Evans in Year 2 began kickboxing in October 2024. Theo entered his first kickboxing fight, the Rising Warrior Showcase, competing with a child the same age with more experience. Theo showed great sportsmanship and courage, and is very proud of his achievement in taking part and looks forward to training hard and preparing for his next competition. Theo said "I went to a kickboxing competition and my name in it was 'Theo the Titan'. I was fighting against a boy ... and I came second place."



Cherry started dancing with Forever Young Dance Company when she was 3 years old. Every year at Christmas FYDC put on a dancer showcase at Queen Mary's College Theatre. The 2024 showcase was called: 'A Night at the Musicals' with performances to songs from Matilda, the Lion King and The Sound of Music. Cherry and her dance buddies worked very hard and all that passion, dedication and hard work really paid off as they put on two spectacular performances!

Just before Christmas Lola Pritchard in Year 3 gained her orange belt in karate. She has worked really hard and stayed focused and disciplined for the last year to achieve this.

BOOK CLUB

Mrs McGookin has started a Book Club in the Junior School, which runs weekly at lunchtimes. Readers of all abilities can join in, in a very relaxed and informal group. Participation is always optional, so children can decide whether to go each week as they wish.

Each term Book Club will have a new book to read at their own pace, or listen to others read to them. We have lots of copies of each book so that everyone can read and enjoy the same story.

Mrs McGookin has been very impressed at how much the children encourage each other when reading together.

Each session last for half an hour and the days Book Club is on is as follows:

Year 3 and 4 on Thursday
12:30 to 1:00

Year 5 on Thursday
12:00 to 12:30

Year 6 on Tuesday
12:00–12:30

PE Reminders

PE Days: Year R—Friday
Year 1— Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2—Monday and Wednesday
Year 3—Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4—Thursday and Friday
Year 5—Monday and Thursday
Year 6—Tuesday and Friday
PE Kit is dark, plain shorts, joggers or tracksuit with a plain white t-shirt.

Helpful Websites

Our website:

<https://www.winkleburyfederation.co.uk>

Free School Meals Applications:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

Coolmilk: <https://coolmilk.com/>

Hampshire County Council Education:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning>





PAWS

Thank You for Your Support!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas activities! We raised an incredible £1,992 bringing us closer to our £15,000 target.

What Are We Raising Money For?

We're raising funds for a cabin-style building to house our THRIVE program, which supports children with their emotional health, well-being, and social skills.

This new space will:

- Provide a safe environment for children struggling to stay in the classroom.
- Teach tools to help children manage emotions and build confidence.
- Allow us to work with more children who need extra support.

How You Can Help

Donate, volunteer, or spread the word to help us create this vital space. Every bit of support makes a difference!

Contact us on PAWS FB or email:
winkleburypaws@hotmail.com.
Thank you for being part of this journey.
Together, we can help every child thrive!
Tara West
Chair

Upcoming Events - Get Involved!

- Friendship Disco - 21st March
- World Book Day Winkle Bars - 3rd-6th March
- Mother's Day Sale - 24th March



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST HALF TERM

A very big well done to this group of Year 5 and 6 children. Your hard work and early morning practices have now been rewarded with 3rd place in the **Sports Hall Athletics** heats. Next stop the Basingstoke finals in March. Well done 'Team Winklebury'.



Badger and Owl class welcomed Ms Wing Yan Liu into school to talk about **Chinese New Year** alongside her son. She told us the story of Chinese New Year, how they celebrate with their family, the food they eat and the clothes they wear. We also loved watching the video of a Chinese dragon dance. We were also gifted some lovely Chinese decorations for the classes.



Our fabulous Year 2 gymnasts placed 4th in their schools competition. They were amazing.
Go Team Winklebury!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST HALF TERM, CONT.

Year R have made gingerbread men as part of their learning of the gingerbread man story.



Some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have learned and improved their cycling skills with Bikeability.

We were delighted to welcome James Carter to Winklebury on Monday 3rd February. James held assemblies for both the infants and juniors as well as hosting workshops with year 2-6 where the children wrote different styles of poems. At the end of the day, the children gathered in the hall and some shared their wonderful poems they wrote as a result. James brought a real enthusiasm and buzz to the school about poetry and was incredibly persuasive at getting the teachers up to dance! We are grateful to James for taking the time to visit.



Well done Team Winklebury! 14 junior school children competed in an interschool cross country running competition. All the children ran very well and tried their absolute best despite the cold and the vast amounts of mud. Team Winklebury were so supportive of each other, cheering everyone on. Kaine placed 5th out of 132 in the Year 5/6 Boys Category and qualified for the District finals. We are very proud of you!



Year 4 have been studying mountains this term. In our Art lessons we have been focusing on the work of Georgia O'Keefe. We used mixed media of watercolours and pastels to create a scene inspired by her work.

