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SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Dates To Note

Date	Event
22.04	All children return to school
22.04	Yr 4 Swimming
28.04	Yr R to 4 Kingdoms
29.04	Yr 4 Swimming
05.05	Bank Holiday
06.05	Yr 4 Swimming
07.05	Parent forum
12.05	BPSM Choir Rehearsal
12.05	Yr 6 SATS Week
13.05	Yr 4 Swimming
13.05	Yr 5 to Winchester S.C.
16.05	Yr 6 Bowling
19.05	Walk to school week
20.05	Yr 4 Swimming
21.05	Science day
21.05	Yr 2 to Lepe Country Park
23.05	Last day of term

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

What We're Learning Next

Year R : Keep on Moving

Year 1 : Queens

Year 2 : P Is For Plants

Year 3 : By Royal Invitation Only

Year 4 : Invaders Galore—Vikings

Year 5 : Space—The Final Frontier

Year 6 : Groovy Greeks

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 finished 23rd in the County Final Cross Country. He competed with many boys that do this week in and week out! He beat his personal best - last year he finished 89th and this year finishing 23rd was a massive achievement. Also Kaine then competed in the Sports Hall Athletics the next day, where the team achieved a place in the County Final.

Phoebe Childs had a fun day at the Schools Biathlon representing Winklebury Federation. She didn't improve on her run this time, but got a 6 second Personal Best on her swim.



Calico-Alice Bull placed 1st in her Ballroom and Latin competition on 23 March, dancing a Paso Doble and a Tango. The photo shows Calico-Alice with her dance teacher Vic-ki and her dance troop DanceRite—this was the first time they had all placed at the same competition.

School News

Mrs McGookin was out one day when she spotted, with her eagle-eyes, some nearly new furniture in the (now empty) Bright Young Things tutoring centre. She has managed to secure enough chairs and tables to refurbish three classrooms and various breakout areas!

Thank you Mrs McGookin!

School Website

Please do pop over to our website — we save lots of information for you to see if you ever need an answer when we're not around.

Letters are [here](#).

Menus are [here](#).

Local flyers are [here](#).

There are also policies, who's who, medical information, topic notes for each half term, presentations, and much more!



PE Reminders

PE Days: Year R—Thursday
Year 1— Tuesday and Friday
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>

A MESSAGE FROM MRS MATHLIN

I cannot believe that the time has come to say goodbye to Winklebury. I have so many happy memories of my time at the Federation and I will miss the children and the whole community immensely.

It has been an incredible and enjoyable journey - who can forget the Covid times with my weekly virtual assemblies and hot chocolate Friday's! It has been a real pleasure to watch so many children come through the door at the age of 4 and watch them grow during their time with us.

Winklebury has changed greatly during the last 8 years but what has always remained is the staff commitment to ensuring that the children receive the best education and wider opportunities that they can, and for that I want to thank every member of school staff that I have worked with.

I have loved my time with the children from attending sporting competitions, the memorial services and the joy of watching our children perform at the Anvil during BPSM, as well as the day-to-day interactions I have with them all.



Winklebury is in a very strong position and I know that it will continue to go from strength to strength with Miss Walker, Miss King and Mrs Bailey during the summer term and then with Mrs Bartlett in September.

Finally, thank you to all of you for your support over the years and for making my time here so special. One thing is for sure, there is never a dull day at Winklebury!

PAWS UPDATE

A huge **Thank You** to everyone who supported our events over this term—we are edging closer to our £15,000 target.

Did you know? In addition to the regular events we host throughout the year, we also raise funds for our school through various other channels. Here are some easy ways you can support us:

Clothes Recycling - Declutter your wardrobe while helping our school! We have a clothes recycling bin conveniently located near the bike rack at the Infant School/Ducklings.

One Lottery - Join our weekly school lottery for a chance to win cash prizes! The more members that participate, the bigger the jackpot. Plus, a portion of every ticket sold goes directly towards supporting our school. www.onelottery.co.uk/support/parents-association-at-winklebury-schools

Easyfundraising - When you shop online using the Easyfundraising app or www.easyfundraising.org.uk, a percentage of your purchase total is donated to our school at no extra cost to you!

Every little contribution makes a big difference—thank you for your 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!

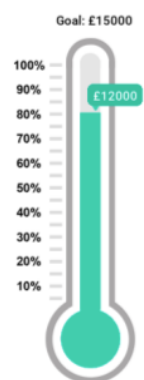
Upcoming Events - Get Involved!

- Mayhem Disco - 23rd May
 - Frozen Friday's - starting from 6th June
 - Father's Day Sale - Deadline 11th June
- More events to be added - details to follow!

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!

The PAWS Team



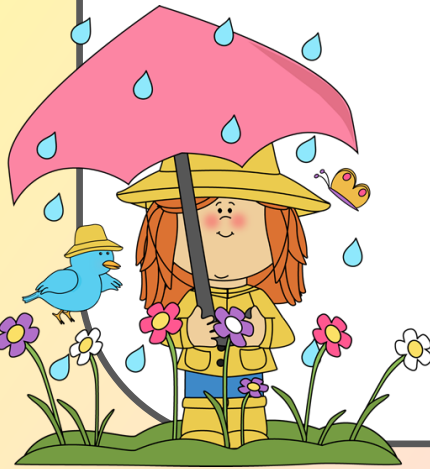
WINKLEBURY BENCH TRAIL

Winklebury Legends are creating a beautiful Bench Trail to walk around this Easter. They have now almost completed all the benches around Winklebury. Some of our Year 2 and Junior School children were involved in creating one of the bench designs!

Fatima, the artist, has done a fantastic job painting all 10 benches. To encourage the community to see them, Winklebury Legends are organising a 'bench trail' during the Easter Break. Children and adults can go around to see all of the benches and use one of the entry forms (attached to the email) to write down what they have seen. Each bench depicts something about the history or heritage of Winklebury.

Along with noting the subject of each bench and its location, the real challenge is to find the hidden insect. Each bench has a different insect painted within the design.

Cathy from Winklebury Legends will be in Winklebury every day from 5-15 April to give out Cadbury's Creme Eggs to anyone who brings her their correctly completed entry form. The Winklebury Legends Facebook page will announce where she will be and at what time each day.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST HALF TERM

Year 3 Iron Age Day

Just before half term, Year 3 had a visit from Matt from "Experience the Iron Age". Matt talked to us about how life had changed from the Neolithic time, through to Bronze and Iron Age Britain. We looked at a variety of artefacts, as well as experience how warriors would have been trained. We also made our own spearheads and shields. We thoroughly enjoyed the day and learnt so many new and interesting facts!



Happy
Easter





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World Book Day

We've had another wonderful turn out for World Book Day, with so many children dressing up as their favourite character and joining in with reading active ities and story related crafts all around the school.



RAF Odiham Visited Year R

On 11th March Bryony Curtis from RAF Odiham and two of her colleagues visited Badger and Owl Class to deliver two STEM learning sessions. This week was British Science Week and we wanted to enhance the children's learning in some different areas of Science that they had not experienced before. The first activity was aimed at the concept of time and getting the children to understand how they change over time. The children made a time capsule with information about themselves such as age, hand size, height, favourite colour etc. The children will then open their time capsule in one year from now to discover ways in which they have grown and changed.

The second activity involved simple coding skills with tiny robots and using the controls on the iPads to send the robots to different locations in the hall. The children really enjoyed their sessions and engaged really well with the learning.





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Sports Hall Athletics

Well done 'Team Winklebury' who came 1st in Basingstoke for Sports Hall Athletics, and as a result qualified for the final! On the day of the Hampshire Final they came 8th out of 16 schools. So that's 8th in Hampshire! They were all superstars! A special thank you to the two children who stepped in at the last minute to compete due to two of the team unfortunately being unwell and unable to compete. We are so proud of all the hard work everyone has put in to achieve this amazing result.



Mad Hair Day

We saw some fantastic hair styles on Mad Hair Day. Louise from St Michael's Hospice visited us to talk about what our fund-raising can do to help them, and she picked some winners at each school whose hair she loved. Well done to everyone who created a Mad Hair style!



Year 6 DT

Pine Class have built bridges in DT this term, using practical skills (including cutting their own materials), teamwork and their imagination!

