



Winchelsea Primary School



'All individuals matter'
February Newsletter 2025

Dear parents and carers

We have had a busy fortnight filled with lots of learning and memory making. We enjoyed the Chinese New Year Art Day where all children were able to access a range of workshops with special visitors to do poetry, dance, pottery and more! The children had a great day. Many classes have enjoyed cooking and taking part in Roots2Food workshops. Thank you to all the parents who joined us.

Last week was Children's Mental Health Week. Our children enjoyed 'expressing themselves' on Wednesday and wearing something to represent what they enjoy. Each class took part in an activity to consider our feelings and how we can manage them.

Valentine's discos

We can't wait for the Valentine's school discos on Friday 14th February. Tickets can be purchased by sending your child into school with the money in an envelope. We hope that the children will enjoy having a dance with their friends on the last day of term. Parents do not need to stay; we have enough adults to supervise the children.

Forest school

We had to cancel Forest school due to weather last term; we have rescheduled the day for Tuesday 11th February for Diamond, Sapphire and Peridot classes. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat and a change of shoes.

Behaviour and parent survey

Thank you for completing the behaviour and safety survey, the link is still open if you would like to complete it. We welcome your feedback.

Please also find attached a copy of our amended behaviour policy. We have taken the children's thoughts and experiences into account and some training and research into how best to support positive behaviour. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards
Mrs T Boulter
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th
February – Diamond
parent engagement
afternoon

Forest school for
Diamond, Sapphire
and Peridot Classes

Wednesday 12th
February – Emerald
Parental engagement
afternoon

Friday 14th February
Forest School for
Opal, Sapphire and
Emerald Class

Valentine's disco
Reception / Y1&2
4.00pm

Y3 – Y6 - 5.30pm

Friday 14th February
Last day of term

Monday 24th
February
Back to school

Friday 4th April
Last day of term

Tuesday 22nd April
Back to school

Sporting news!

Recently, we have had lots of sporting events. Year 5 and 6 children took part in an athletics tournament and came 1st. They showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. Our netball and football teams have been playing many games against other schools. We won against Metheringham netball team and the boys got through to the quarter finals last week for football against other schools.



Winchelsea News in pictures

We enjoyed a Chinese New Year Art Day, drumming and dance workshops, cooking with Roots2food, science experiments and more!



Attendance

Our overall attendance to date is **94.8%**

We are not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time due to the new National Agenda to improve school attendance.

We have sent you a new policy that has been agreed by our Governing body and reflects the national guidance and expectations from the Department for Education. We are strongly advised and expected by our Local Authority to issue fines for holidays and unauthorised absences.

Sporting news!

We will be receiving a delivery of wheelchairs in school on Tuesday 11th February. Classes will learn how to play games and basketball using the wheelchairs as part of our inclusive sports learning. The staff are excited to have a go too!