



## *All Individuals Matter*

Dear Parents and Carers

As the academic year draws to a close, the Governors would like to thank you for your continued support and share some reflections on what a significant and eventful year it has been at Winchelsea.

This year saw Mrs Boulter take on the position of Headteacher; her leadership has already made a significant impact on our children's learning and development. We are incredibly grateful for the many initiatives she has introduced throughout this academic year, all of which have strengthened our school community and enriched the educational experience for our pupils.

This year has also brought moments of deep sadness and we were truly heartbroken by the passing of Mrs Gina Parsons. Gina was a much-loved member of the Winchelsea family; her warmth, dedication and kindness touched so many lives. She is deeply missed.

There have also been changes within the Governing Board itself with a new Chair and several new members joining us. This fresh chapter brings renewed energy and commitment to supporting our staff, pupils and families in the best way possible.

There have been several new additions to the school this year, made possible through capital funding, with the aim of improving the school environment. From the vibrant blue pod, crazy golf setup and outdoor classrooms to the early years outdoor area and expanded Forest School provision—these spaces are enriching children's daily experiences.

Our curriculum and enrichment activities have continued to thrive too. Highlights include:

- Performances from the visiting theatre group that brought stories to life in magical ways.
- Exciting engagement with TT Rockstars, inspiring a love for maths through friendly competition.
- A delicious and educational day with Roots to Food, promoting healthy eating habits for all our pupils.
- An exceptional gala dinner organised and hosted by the Year 6 pupils supported by Roots to Food.
- Ongoing recycling initiatives that develop pupils' sense of environmental responsibility.
- Investment in CPD (Continuing Professional Development) for all staff, ensuring teaching and support remain ambitious, up-to-date and inclusive.
- Improvements to lunchtimes, with more play equipment and additional lunchtime supervisors helping create a safe, active and happy break times for all pupils.
- Collaboration with the Chestnut Street Choir building community links.
- A wide range of educational visits that have extended learning beyond the classroom.



- Greater collaboration with external agencies to support pupils' learning, development and wellbeing.
- And, of course, many sporting highlights, with proud wins and fantastic teamwork that showcased the best of Winchelsea's spirit.

There's so much to be proud of—and none of it would be possible without the dedication of our incredible staff, the energy of our pupils and the support of our families.

Thank you once again for being part of the Winchelsea journey. We wish you a restful and joyful summer and look forward to all that the new academic year will bring.

With warm regards

*Mrs Lynsey Grove*

On behalf of the Winchelsea Governing Board

