



Winchelsea Primary School



'All individuals matter'

December 2025

Dear parents and carers

We can hardly believe it's already December! The festive season is well underway here at school and the excitement is building. Our fantastic mini caretakers have been busy putting up the Christmas tree in the hall and decorating the entrance, while Mr. Riley has started adding sparkle with the outdoor lights. Inside, classrooms are starting to look wonderfully Christmassy as each class prepares for the countdown with their own Advent calendar.

In Monday's assembly, we reflected on the importance of kindness and reminded everyone that this time of year is about giving as well as receiving. Giving doesn't always mean gifts—it can be offering your time to help others, sharing kindness, care and consideration, or sending a thoughtful card. Our school choir has already spread Christmas cheer at the Methodist Church and at the Shoulder of Mutton Christmas lunch. Later in the term, they'll also visit local care homes to bring festive joy to residents.

Christmas lights switch on

This Friday at 3.20 pm, we'll be spreading some festive cheer by singing the Christmas songs we've been practising in assembly. Our choir will also perform a selection of Christmas carols. To make the afternoon extra special, FOWS will be serving hot chocolates topped with cream and marshmallows as we switch on our Christmas lights! Please note - cash payments only. Drinks will be £1.00 each. We hope you can join us for this lovely festive celebration!

Assessments

Over the coming weeks, your child will be completing some short assessments in phonics, reading, spelling and maths. These are simply to help us measure progress and identify next steps for learning in the new term. There's no need for any extra preparation at home—just encourage your child to do their best.

Road safety

Recently, children in Years 1, 3, 4, and 5 took part in road safety workshops delivered by the Local Authority. These sessions focused on important topics such as helmet and car safety, walking safely and crossing roads using safe places. Next term, the remaining classes will also take part in similar workshops, helping everyone to stay safe when out and about.

Nut allergies

We have several children in school with nut allergies, and we aim to keep our school nut-free. Please do not send your child to school with any items containing nuts, such as peanut butter, biscuits, or snacks with nuts. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.



Reminders for the cold weather

Please ensure that your child brings the following into school:

- A coat
- Their PE kit (now that the weather is colder, please bring a P.E hoodie and jogging bottoms)
- Warm clothes and wellies for forest school (including a scarf, hat, gloves)

Fundraising and charity

Thank you for supporting the 2025 Poppy Appeal! We made an amazing: £222.56.
Thank you for your donations on Children in Need Day, we raised £455.74.



Christmas Performances

This year, we've decided to try something a little different!

- Diamond Class will perform the traditional Nativity.
- Opal and Sapphire Classes will also present their own Nativity performances.
- Emerald and Amethyst Classes will share some Christmas songs and dances.
- Peridot and Quartz Classes will perform a special Christmas show.

We've made these changes from the usual full Key Stage 2 production due to limited hall time and capacity and to ensure children still have the curriculum time they need alongside the extra festive events, trips and visits.

We hope you enjoy these performances and celebrate the wonderful talents of our children!

Kind regards

Mrs T Boulter

Headteacher

Christmas dates!

Please see below for all the upcoming festive events until the end of term:

Thursday 4th December

- Water polo event for selected Key Stage 2 children

Friday 5th December: Sapphire Parental engagement 2.30pm

- Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 6 Forest School
- Christmas lights switch on with hot chocolates and Christmas songs 3.20pm

Monday 8th December:

- Diamond Nativity performance 9.30am
- Key Stage 1 Christmas play 2.30pm



Tuesday 9th December:

- 9.15am choir performance at Chestnut Street care home
- Diamond Nativity performance 9.30am
- Key Stage 1 Christmas play 2.30pm

Wednesday 10th December:

- Opal Class (Year 1) Christmas trip to Rand Farm

Thursday 11th December:

- 2.30pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas performance event
- 4.00pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas performance event



Friday 12th December:

- Diamond Class parental engagement 9.30am
- C4L Christmas sports event for selected Key Stage 1 and 2 children

Monday 15th December:

- Diamond Class visit to White Post Farm
- Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas songs performance 2.30pm



Tuesday 16th December: Year 2 – Year 6 Christmas pantomime visit

Wednesday 17th December: Christmas lunch and wear a Christmas jumper day

Thursday 18th December

- Special visitor in school during the afternoon and in the playground after school for siblings

Friday 19th December

- Class parties
- Last day of term

FOWS news (Friends of Winchelsea School)

Events

Tuesday 2nd December FOWS meeting in school at 5.45pm

If you can help to support any of these events, we would hugely appreciate your help. This could be selling hot chocolates, helping with our special visitor
Contact the school office if you can help in any way!

Raffle tickets are now on sale!

We are also still accepting
raffle prizes.



Attendance

Our attendance is **96.6%**

We are not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time due to the national agenda to improve school attendance.

If you wish to request leave, you must contact the office for an exceptional leave form.

The government is expecting us to fine parents if we suspect you have been on holiday.