



Winchelsea Primary School

'All individuals matter'

February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed last week together for a half term break. Last term we ended the term learning about strategies to improve our wellbeing as part of Children's Mental Health Week and enjoyed the Valentine's disco.

This term we have many more sporting events planned and new clubs. Keep an eye out for communication regarding these. Tomorrow, we have Elite Sports into deliver sports workshops to each class. We also have a variety of opportunities for your children to enjoy. Please look at the dates for Forest school and each class has a trip planned. More information to follow on class newsletters.

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, we will continue to celebrate World Book Day. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be a range of activities planned for the day, and children will be invited to share their favourite books and stories.

School Crossing Patrol

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Carter for her wonderful service as our School Crossing Patrol. Every day, she has helped countless children and families cross the road safely, always with a smile and a kindness that brightened everyone's morning. Her commitment has gone far beyond simply stopping traffic — she has been a reassuring, cheerful presence at the start and end of each day.

Mrs Carter is now moving into her new role at the after-school club, and we are delighted that she will continue to be part of our school community through her lunchtime work. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication she has shown, standing out in all weathers to help keep us safe. Thank you, Mrs Carter, for everything you have done and continue to do for our children and families.

We are delighted that Mrs Walton will be her replacement and will soon be on the crossing to help everyone cross the road safely.

Mrs McCann

At the end of this week, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs McCann in the school office as she begins her well-deserved retirement. She has been a valued member of our school community for many years, welcoming countless visitors and families with warmth, patience and professionalism. Throughout her time at Winchelsea, she has played a key role in ensuring smooth transitions for new pupils, preparing welcome packs, sharing important information with families, and helping new starters feel at ease from the very beginning.

Behind the scenes, she has been instrumental in organising and communicating details about clubs, supporting staff with the information they need, and keeping the office running with calm efficiency. On a personal note, I am especially grateful for the support she has given me in my new role as Headteacher, guiding me through the many systems and routines that keep the school moving each day.

We are incredibly thankful for everything Mrs McCann has contributed to our school, and we wish her a happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement.

Parents evenings

On Monday 30th March and Tuesday 31st March, we will hold parents' evenings. These will be either in person or on TEAMS. Booking forms will be sent out soon and staff are looking forward to discussing your child's achievements, attainment, progress and next steps in learning.

Please follow our Facebook page to see more photos and activities in school.

Kind regards
Mrs T Boulter
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Thursday 26th
February: Elite sporting day for all classes

Thursday 5th
March World Book Day

Monday 16th
March:
Assessment week

Thursday 19th
March
class/group photos

Tuesday 24th
March Choir singing at the Methodist church
1.30pm

2.45pm Year 5 parental engagement

Thursday 26th
March
Diamond Class trip to Belton House

Monday 30th /
Tuesday 31st
March Parents evenings

Thursday 2nd
April Easter egg hunt / last day of term

Monday 20th
April Inset day

Tuesday 21st
April Back to school

FOWS news (Friends of School)

Valentines disco

Our amazing FOWS not only gave our children a wonderful evening at the Valentine's disco, they raised £486. Thank you to all the staff, FOWS and families for helping prepare and deliver a great disco. Thankyou also to Frazer for entertaining us with his music too.

Our next FOWS meeting is Tuesday 3rd March at 5.45pm.

Team points

Our School Council have named our team points teams. They are:

- Red Team: Vikings
- Green Team: Romans
- Yellow Team: Saxons
- Blue Team: Normans

The Green Roman team won last term, so they had a party in the hall and enjoyed decorating biscuits and eating them.



Lunchtime play – we enjoyed playing in the sunshine and using our lunchtime lounge



Forest school dates:

Diamond & Opal Class weekly Friday sessions.

27th February Y6

6th March Y5

13th March Y4

20th March Y3

27th March Y2

Thursday 2nd April Last day of term / Easter egg hunt

Attendance

Our attendance is **96.2%**

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

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

The Government are expecting us to fine parents if we suspect you have been on holiday.