



Winchelsea Primary School

'All individuals matter'

September 2026



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to another exciting academic year. Firstly, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new parents, families and children joining our school community. We are delighted that you are part of our school family and look forward to working together throughout the year. We are also pleased to welcome several new members of staff to our team:

- **Mrs Puttock**, Teaching Assistant in Diamond Class
- **Mrs Roberts**, Teaching Assistant in Year 1
- **Mrs Hall**, Behaviour and Pastoral Lead

This year brings a number of exciting improvements and new provisions for our children. We are delighted to introduce our new **Pastoral Room**, located within our Sensory Garden in the heart of the school. This fantastic new space will be used for individual regulation sessions, group work and a lunchtime lounge. With its calming atmosphere, coloured mood lighting and comfortable relaxation areas, it provides a nurturing environment for children who may need additional support. The room will be used by our behaviour, pastoral, safeguarding and nurture teams.

Diamond Class also has an exciting new **mud kitchen area**, providing further opportunities for imaginative play, exploration and outdoor learning.

We have a new entrance in school which showcases our refreshed **vision and values**, which were developed collaboratively with staff, governors and children. Our vision is that 'All individuals matter: inspiring everyone to flourish and make a difference.' Our values include: cooperation, resilience, compassion, courage, respect and integrity. This term our focus is respect. These values will continue to guide everything we do as we strive to provide the very best education and opportunities for every child.

Finally, you will have noticed that we installed a new walkway at the front of the school. This has been designed to improve site security by guiding visitors and delivery personnel directly to the school office, where they can sign in. This helps us ensure that we remain fully compliant with our safeguarding responsibilities and maintain a safe environment for all. As previously communicated, these are the arrangements for drop off and pick up.

- **Key Stage 2 children** will enter and exit school via the **main gates**. We encourage children to walk independently to their classrooms where appropriate.
- Children arriving with a **bike or scooter** should enter and exit through the **double gates** and use the new **bike and scooter storage area**.
- **EYFS and Key Stage 1 children**, accompanied by their parents or carers, should enter and exit via the **double gates**. **Year 2 children** will use the same entrance gate as **Year 1**.

Last year, we were enhancing our breaktime and lunchtime provision to provide children with a balance of structured activities and free play, including access to games, toys, gym equipment, the golf area and scooters. While some groups will continue to play separately for part of the day, as they have previously, children will also have opportunities to access shared spaces and activities. All children will continue to have access to the field and outdoor resources (weather permitting). The fencing will help us organise play areas more effectively, supporting children's safety, wellbeing and enjoyment of playtimes.

September diary dates

14.09.26
2.30pm
Nursery & Reception
Parent information afternoon

15.09.26
2:45pm
KS1 Phonics info parent invite

21.09.26
Year 3 / 4
Parent information meeting
2.30pm

22.09.26
Year 2
parental information meeting
2.30pm

22.09.26
Year 5/ 6
Parent information meeting
2.45pm

24.09.26
School Council elections

06.10.26
8.45am
Inclusion coffee morning

Another exciting addition this year is our new therapy dog, **Albie**. Albie is currently undergoing training and will begin meeting the children during this term. We are looking forward to the positive impact he will have on children's wellbeing and emotional development.

Rules and routines

Part of our settling in time has been establishing and recapping new rules and routines. This includes safety online, in and around school, behaviour expectations and using good manners. Our children have already settled in so well and have been excellent role models to each other.

Parental engagement and communication

Please find attached some information about the most effective ways to communicate with our school. As part of planning for a seamless start to the new academic year, we would like to invite you to a parental engagement session with your child's class teacher. This will be an opportunity to learn about classroom routines, curriculum expectations, homework arrangements, and exciting opportunities planned for the year ahead. The session will also provide an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have, helping us to build a strong partnership between home and school from the very beginning of the year.

Your child's learning for the term, alongside the termly newsletters, can be found on their class pages via our school website:

<https://www.winchelsea.lincs.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+Pages&pid=38>

Breakfast and after school club

Our new Breakfast and After-School Club is run by Premier Education. If you have any questions regarding pricing, session times, activities, refreshments, or snacks, please contact them via the details below:

Phone number: 07564416916

Email: lgreen@premier-education.com or office-167@premier-education.com

If you require any further information requiring the information in this newsletter or generally, please see me on the gate or contact the school office.

Kind regards
Mrs T Boulter

More October diary dates

05.10.26
Flu
Vaccination
Visits

6.10.26
Peridot
swimming
lessons
begin

14.10.26
Individual
and family
photos

19.10.26 &
20.10.26
Parents
evenings –
bookings will
be set closer
to the time.

23.10.26
Last day of
term

02.11.26
Back to
school

Term dates
can be
found on our
school
website.

More dates
can also be
found on the
school
website.

Pre loved uniform

If you need any preloved uniform, please visit the school office to collect items. These have all been washed and are in excellent condition.



Safety around school

Please do not park or wait on any double yellow or zig zag lines outside of school.

