



Winchelsea Primary School

'All individuals matter'

October 2026



Dear parents and carers,

I can't believe we are already in October; the weeks of term have flown by!

We have recently held our School Council elections, and I am delighted to congratulate our newly elected School Council members. They are already full of enthusiasm and ideas and are keen to get started in their important role of representing the views of their classmates and helping to improve our school.

We have also appointed a new team of Play Leaders and Sports Crew, who have been organising games, supporting younger children and helping to ensure that lunchtimes are active, enjoyable and inclusive for everyone.

World Mental Health Day - Kindness Matters

On Saturday 10th October, we marked World Mental Health Day, with this year's theme being Kindness. During our weekly assemblies, we explored what kindness means and discussed the many ways we can show kindness to others through our words, actions and choices. We reflected on how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference to someone's day and support positive mental health and wellbeing.

Over the past week, our Kindness Agents have been busy identifying and celebrating children who consistently demonstrate kindness around school. As a special thank you for their efforts in promoting our school values, they enjoyed an afternoon treat.

Children across the school also took part in a range of activities designed to help them consider different ways they can show kindness both in school and within the wider community. One of our school values is compassion, reminding us all that kindness helps everyone to feel valued, included and supported.

Photos – Wednesday 14th October

A reminder that individual school photographs will be taking place on Wednesday.

If your child has a sibling who does not attend our school, they are welcome to come along from 8:00am to have a photograph taken together. If all siblings attend our school, we will arrange for their sibling photograph to be taken during the school day.

Parents' Evening Reminder

Parents' Evening communications have now been sent, and you should now have a confirmed appointment slot with your child's teacher if you have booked.

During the evening, you will have the opportunity to:

- Discuss how your child has settled into their new class.
- View examples of your child's work.
- Meet members of our Inclusion Team.
- Purchase tickets for the Halloween disco.
- Visit our Book Fair and purchase books.
- Browse our selection of pre-loved school uniform items.
- Enjoy refreshments and snacks.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing your child's successes so far this year.

Book Fair

We are excited to welcome the Book Fair back to school next week! You can browse and purchase books from Monday 19th Oct to Thursday 22nd Oct. Both card and cash payments are accepted. The more books that are purchased, the more free books we can earn for our school, so we would greatly appreciate your support. We encourage all children to discover the joy of reading and find a book they will love.

October diary dates

14.10.26
Individual and sibling photos

19.10.26 & 20.10.26
Parents evening

22.10.26
Reception 27 intake
Open morning 9.30am

Reception 27 intake
Open afternoon 1.30pm

Y2 Parent invite
afternoon 2.30pm

23.10.26
Last day of term & Halloween Disco

02.11.26
Back to school

06.11.26
Reception 27 intake
Open morning 9.00am

Term dates can be found on our school website.

Uniform Reminder

A polite reminder to all families about our school uniform expectations.

As the weather becomes more changeable, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day, whatever the forecast. We encourage children to spend time outdoors throughout the year, including during light rain, so having a suitable coat is essential.

Please also ensure that children wear:

- Black school shoes, black boots or plain black trainers.
- Appropriate school uniform in line with our policy.

For health and safety reasons, jewellery should be limited to stud earrings and a watch.

Children should not wear fake or acrylic nails to school, as these can present a safety risk during learning, play and physical activities.

Toys and fidgets

A polite reminder that toys and fidget toys should not be brought into school.

Where needed, we provide appropriate sensory and fidget resources to support children throughout the school day.

Local Authority Review

We recently welcomed colleagues from the Local Authority into school to review our provision, observe learning and evaluate the impact of our ongoing school improvement work. We were delighted that the review highlighted many strengths across the school. Positive feedback included the significant development of phonics teaching, improvements in handwriting and presentation, and the high levels of engagement seen in lessons. She also commented on our pupils, noting that children were polite, enthusiastic and eager to learn. The vibrant, inclusive learning environments across the school were praised. It was wonderful to hear recognition of the hard work of our staff and pupils, and we are proud of the progress being made across the school.

Volunteers

Our Friends of Winchelsea School (FOWS) are looking for volunteers to help support the children and school community.

There are a variety of ways you can get involved, including:

- Listening to children read.
- Supporting with school trips and visits.
- Helping in the library.
- Assisting with lunchtime activities and play.

If you are interested in volunteering, we can arrange and fund a DBS check where required.

Please contact the school office for more information or come and have a chat with me on the gate. We would love to hear from you and welcome any support you can offer. Every little bit of help makes a difference to our children

Kind regards

Mrs T Boulter
Headteacher

Christmas save the dates

14.12.26
School visit to
the Panto

15.12.26
Diamond
Nativity
performance
9.30am

Year 5 and 6
Festive
concert
2.30pm

16.12.26
Year 1 and 2
Nativity
performance

Year 3 and 4
Christmas
performance

17.12.26
Year 1 and 2
Nativity
performance
2.30pm

Christmas
lunch

Year 5 and 6
Carols by the
campfire
3.30pm

18.12.26
Last day of
term

4.1.27
Inset day

5.1.27 back to
school

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.

