

The Winton Warbler

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LAST DAY OF TERM WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY – SCHOOL FINISHES AT NORMAL TIME

ONLINE BOOKINGS FOR CHARTWELLS MEALS OPENS ON FRIDAY 31ST JULY dorset.mealselector.co.uk

LAST DATE TO ORDER MEALS FOR FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL IS MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Review of the year

As we reach the end of another academic year, it is a valuable opportunity to reflect on all that we have achieved together. There is so much to celebrate and be proud of across our school community.

Throughout the year, our pupils have embraced a wealth of exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences and new challenges, achieving success both in and beyond the classroom. Their enthusiasm, determination and resilience have been evident in all aspects of school life, helping to make this a rewarding and successful year for everyone.

Our achievements are a reflection of the strength of our school community, and I would like to thank our pupils, families, staff and governors for their continued support, commitment and partnership. Together, we have created a nurturing environment in which children can thrive, develop confidence and make lasting memories.

Year 6 Leavers

Many of the successes we have celebrated this year have been shaped by our Year 6 pupils, who are now preparing to begin the next stage of their educational journey. While their strong SATs results are certainly worthy of celebration, their contribution to our school extends far beyond academic achievement.

Throughout their time with us, they have been a kind, supportive and hardworking cohort, and in their final year they have served as excellent role models for younger pupils.

As the oldest members of our school community, they embraced a variety of leadership opportunities and took on their responsibilities with maturity and enthusiasm. Whether supporting school events, mentoring younger children or representing the school in a range of activities, they have played a significant role in strengthening our community and helping others to thrive. We are immensely proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success as they move on to secondary school.

A particular highlight of the year was the Year 6 production of The Wizard of Oz, which provided a fitting finale to their primary school experience. The children delivered a fantastic performance, showcasing not only their talents but also the dedication, teamwork and perseverance that had characterised the rehearsal process. Their confidence and enthusiasm shone through, resulting in a memorable production that was enjoyed by families, staff and pupils alike. It was a wonderful way for our leavers to celebrate their time at school and create lasting memories before moving on.

School Performance

There have been many academic successes to celebrate across the school this year. Children have worked hard, risen to challenges and achieved excellent outcomes. Our Year 6 pupils excelled in their SATs assessments, reflecting their dedication and perseverance throughout their primary education. A summary of their results is provided in the table below.

Key Results - 2025-2026					
Assessment	Statistic	Cohort	School Result	National Comparison	National Result
KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% achieving the expected standard	119	87%	🔵 Above (significant)	63%
KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% achieving the higher standard	119	23%	🔵 Above (significant)	8%
Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)	% scoring full marks (25/25)	120	42%	🟡 Below	~ 44%
Phonics Screening Check	% passing in Year 1	120	90%	🔵 Above (significant)	~ 82%
Early Years Foundation Stage	% achieving a Good Level of Development	120	74%	🟢 At or above	~ 72%

Key Stage 2 Results

Subject	Statistic	School	National
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	% achieving the expected standard	87%	63%
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	% achieving the higher standard	23%	8%
Reading	% achieving the expected standard	88%	75%
Reading	% achieving the higher standard	54%	30%
Writing	% achieving the expected standard	89%	73%
Writing	% achieving the higher standard	33%	13%
Maths	% achieving the expected standard	90%	75%
Maths	% achieving the higher standard	40%	27%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	% achieving the expected standard	87%	74%
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	% achieving the higher standard	53%	30%

Staffing Changes

As we come to the end of another successful year, we would like to acknowledge several members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities and thank them for their contribution to the Winton community.

Mrs Gadsby leaves us after 11 years to take up a well-deserved promotion at another school with the Southern Education Trust. During her time at Winton, she has been a much-valued member of the team, with her enthusiasm and dedication never waning. We congratulate her on this exciting next step in her career and wish her every success in her new role. **Mr King** will be taking a sabbatical year to travel. We are excited for him as he embarks on this adventure and look forward to hearing about his experiences. **Mrs Grant** is also leaving Winton to take up a promotion at another school. We are delighted that she has secured this opportunity and thank her for all of her hard work and commitment during her time with us. **Mrs Elliott** leaves us to pursue some exciting new ventures. We are grateful for all that she has contributed to the love and growth of music in school and wish her happiness and success in this next chapter. **Mrs Monk** leaves us after 12 years supporting pupils and staff at Winton. We would like to thank her for her contribution to our school community and wish her all the very best for the future.

Looking ahead to September, we are pleased to welcome **Mrs Davies** back from her sabbatical and we look forward to hearing her tales of adventure from her year of travel. She will be joining the Year 2 team, and we are delighted to have her return to Winton.

As previously communicated, **Mr Sam Fuller** will be joining Winton as Headteacher in September. We are looking forward to welcoming him into our school community.

Finally, we thank all of our staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment throughout the year, and wish those moving on every happiness and success in their future endeavours.

Many thanks for all your support this year. We wish all our families an enjoyable and restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.



Mrs Kate James - Acting Headteacher

CHARTWELLS – AUTUMN TERM ORDER DATES

Please order meals for September after Friday 31st July at

<https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/>

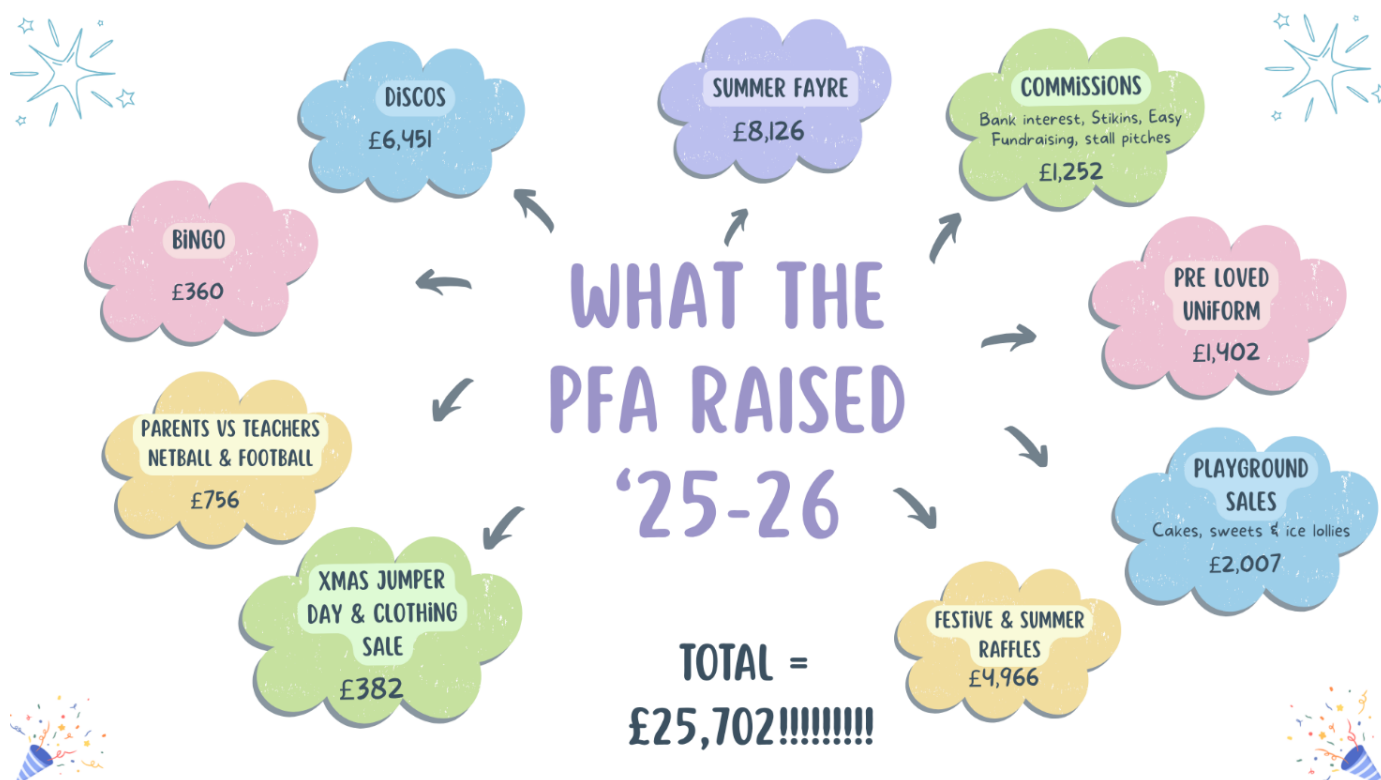
Waiting until this date allows Chartwells to update their class lists ready for the new year.



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ORDERS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF THE AUTUMN TERM MUST BE PLACED BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST

PFA Information

We have enjoyed another exceptionally successful year of fundraising. For the second consecutive year, the PFA has raised an impressive total of more than **£25,000** in support of the school community.



The fundraising summary above highlights the wide range of events and activities that have contributed to this achievement throughout the year, including an outstanding **£3,297** raised at last week's school disco!

This remarkable total reflects the tremendous support we continue to receive from our families, staff and wider school community.

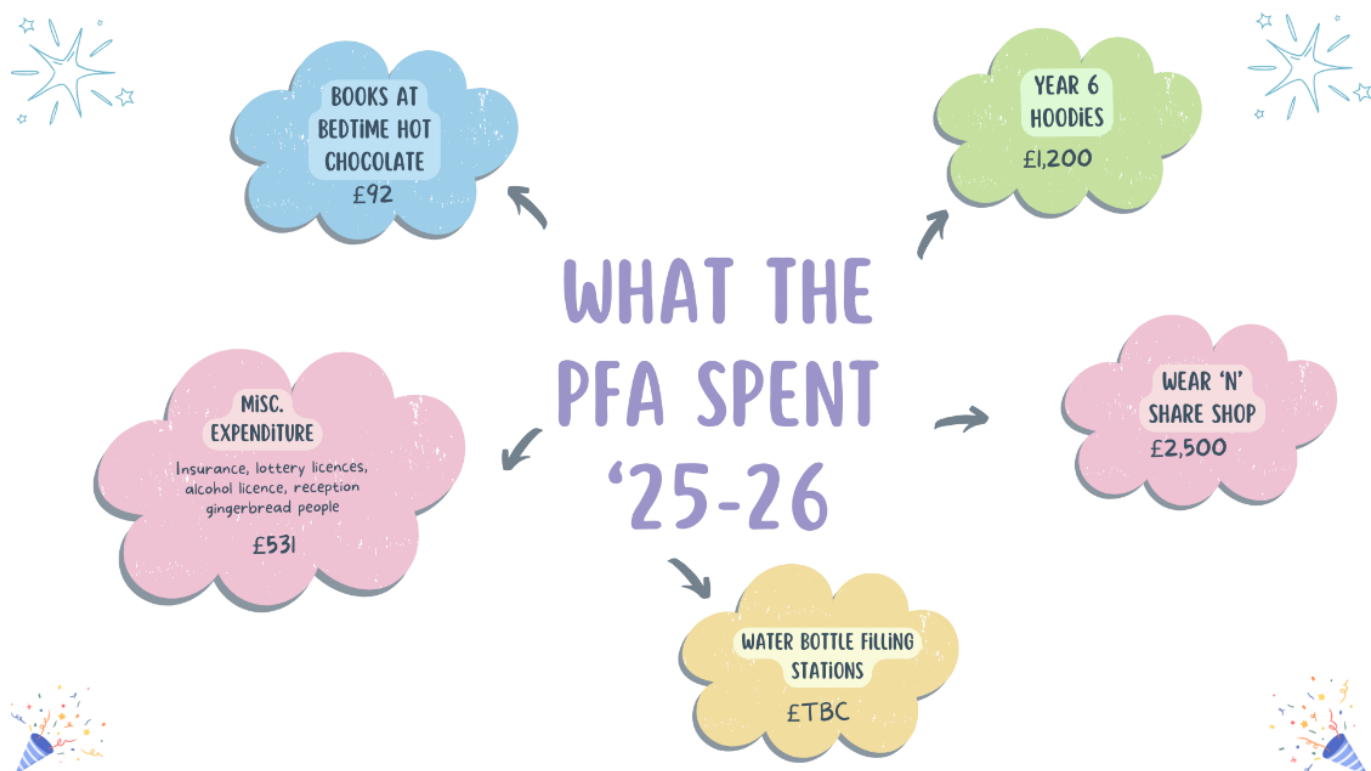
Throughout the year, PFA funding has enabled us to provide a range of resources and experiences for pupils. This has included funding hot chocolates at Books at Bedtime, providing gingerbread men for our Reception starters, covering operational costs such as Parentkind insurance and lottery licensing, purchasing reusable cups, and investing in a new candy floss machine for future events.

As in previous years, we have also contributed **£1,200** towards Year 6 leavers' hoodies. In addition, the PFA contributed **£2,500** towards the development of the new uniform shop, with the remaining costs funded through a grant. The uniform shop has proved to be a fantastic addition to the school, making second-hand uniform more accessible to families, helping to reduce waste, and providing significant savings for parents.

We are currently progressing plans for the installation of new water dispensers around the school. The project, estimated to cost approximately **£5,000**, includes six floor-standing units within school bases and two outdoor drinking fountains. We are currently awaiting confirmation of associated electrical installation costs and are hopeful that the project can be completed during the summer holidays.

Thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts of our school community, we expect to retain a healthy balance of funds even after the water dispenser project is complete. We look forward to working with the school to identify future projects and initiatives that will benefit our pupils. We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported PFA events throughout the year, whether by attending events, volunteering their time, making purchases, or contributing in any other way. Every contribution helps us provide additional opportunities and resources for our children.

We are also extremely grateful to the dedicated team of volunteers who work behind the scenes to organise and run events throughout the year. Without their commitment and enthusiasm, these achievements would not be possible.



As some parents move on from the school this year, we are always keen to welcome new volunteers. Whether you can help at a single event, assist with sorting uniform donations, or support fundraising projects throughout the year, every contribution is valued and appreciated.

We would also be delighted to welcome former pupils and past parents, particularly those who still have siblings attending the school, who would like to remain involved with the PFA. The success of this year's fundraising demonstrates just how important the PFA is in providing additional opportunities and resources for our pupils. We are committed to ensuring that this support continues for many years to come.

If you are interested in getting involved next year, please contact us via our [Facebook page](#) or by email at pfa@wintonprimary.uk

PFA AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Details of the next PFA Annual General Meeting will be shared at the beginning of the new academic year. We look forward to welcoming both existing and prospective members.

IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS? *(by financial circumstances, not the universal scheme for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)*

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, AND YOU THINK YOU MAY STILL BE ELIGIBLE, IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO ALREADY, YOU MUST REAPPLY NOW! GO TO:

<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/support-with-education/free-school-meals> OR SEE THE OFFICE FOR A FORM.

ARE YOU IN RECEIPT OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT? DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD MAY NOW BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS? SIMPLY COMPLETE THE [ONLINE APPLICATION](#) – IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES AND THERE'S NOTHING TO LOSE, BUT LOTS TO GAIN FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE SCHOOL.



The Great Winton Book Amnesty

Our library shelves are looking rather empty after a year of fantastic reading! We are thrilled that our books have been so well loved, but we now need them back ready for next year's pupils. Please help us by having a search at home this weekend for any school books that may have found a temporary home on your shelves, and return them to school next week. Many thanks for your help!

CHILDREN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Our final super achievers of an exceptional year are **Senater in 3KB** and **Ethan in 5AB**. Senater has been cast in the ensemble in the upcoming production of *Matilda Jr. The Musical* at The Barrington Theatre in Ferndown from the 6th to 7th August. If you would like to see the show and see Senater on stage, please go to barringtoncentre.co.uk for more information. Meanwhile, Ethan may also be destined for a future in the entertainment world! He has been invited by Bournemouth University to record a professional voiceover for a Master's degree final film project. He is excited to contribute his voice to a real film production and gain valuable experience working on a professional creative project. Well done both of you, don't forget your old friends at Winton Primary when you make it in Hollywood!



SCHOOL COUNCIL – END OF YEAR REPORT

What a busy year it has been for our School Council! To celebrate all of our hard work and achievements, we enjoyed an ice lolly together today!

Throughout the year, School Council representatives have worked hard to make a positive difference to our school community. We have shared updates in assemblies and newsletters, listened to the views of our classmates, and ensured every pupil has had the opportunity to have their voice heard through their class representative. A huge thank you to all of our School Councillors for their enthusiasm, commitment and excellent work this year.

This year, we have:

- Ensured that play equipment is available every morning break time. This has been a great success and has helped make playtimes even more enjoyable for everyone.
- Reviewed and updated our certificate reward prizes. We selected new rewards for the 150 and 200 sticker milestones, which are presented in assembly.
- Regularly checked the suggestion boxes in each year group to gather ideas and feedback from pupils across the school. We encourage everyone to continue using these next year.
- Conducted a whole-school questionnaire to find out what pupils enjoyed most about our new curriculum. We discovered that practical activities and hands-on learning were particularly popular.
- Shared the results of the questionnaire with staff. This valuable feedback has helped teachers shape planning and learning experiences this year and will continue to inform future curriculum development.
- Supported the training of Year 5 pupils so they could confidently lead tours for visitors to our school. This has been a fantastic opportunity and is something we hope to continue next year.

- Discussed and designed crafts for the Summer Fair. These were created by pupils and sold at the event, raising an amazing **£496.80**. This money will be used to help fund a roof for our outdoor kitchen area. We look forward to seeing the finished project when we return in September!

We are incredibly proud of everything that has been achieved this year. These improvements have made a real difference to our school, and all School Councillors should be proud of the important role they have played.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming a new team of School Councillors next year. Perhaps some of you will be joining us!

The School Councillors – assisted by Mrs Arnold, Mrs Houlston and Mrs Robinson

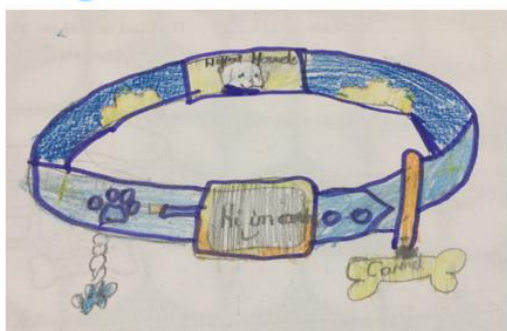
HOUSE COMPETITION – WINNERS REWARD!



FUNDRAISING ROUND-UP – DESIGN A COLLAR COMPETITION RESULTS



Peter Rufus from Helpful Hounds helped to select our winning collar and name. We cannot wait to share photos of their new puppy later in the year!



And the winner is...
Sofia G 3JC
Winning name: Caramel





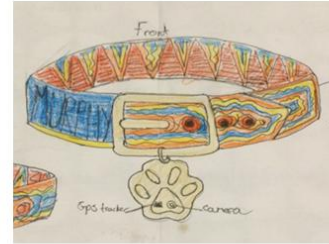
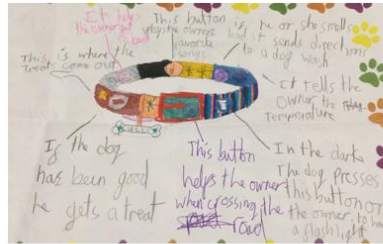
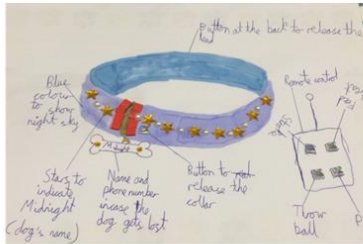
Design a Collar Competition!

The 3 Runners-Up are...

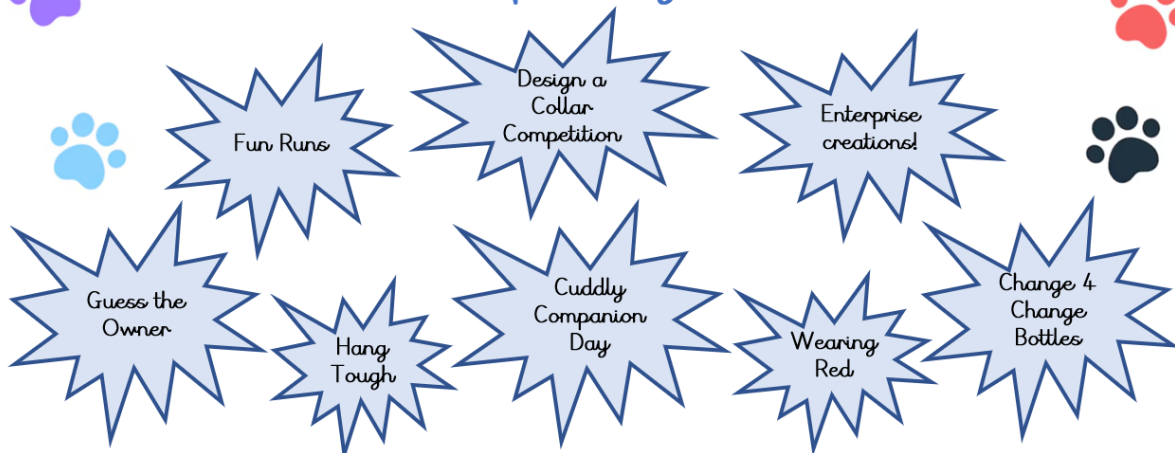
Jess 5HP

Imogen 3KB

Albert M 6EG



Thank you for all of your fundraising help this year!



Our grand fundraising totals this year is an amazing...

£2,250!

Well done everyone!

Winton Primary Achieve Highest Rank In School Games Mark Awards AGAIN!



We are delighted to announce that Winton Primary have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Taking a very high percentage of pupils to a range of tournaments, sporting festivals and inclusive PE days.
- Numerous Town Sport Athletics medalists and champions.
- Winners of Town Football league.
- Golf champions in Bournemouth.
- Large teams of Bronze Ambassador Sports Leaders, Fit4Life Leaders and Play Leaders.
- Town Handball finalists.
- Tag Rugby finalists in local tournament.
- Whole School Fun Runs and Sports Days where everyone participates.
- Dance team recording videos for younger year group warm ups.
- Great links with community sport clubs and AFC Bournemouth.
- Large range of after school sport clubs.
- Sports Personality of the year awards assembly.
- and many, many more!

With a large number of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



PARENT/CARER Summer newsletter



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) provides early intervention and prevention support for children and young people experiencing challenges such as low mood or anxiety. We work closely with schools, families, and communities to promote emotional wellbeing and ensure young people get help as early as possible.

🎧 Listen to our Meet the Team podcasts – hear directly from us about the services we offer and how we can support you and the young people in your care.



ALL EPISODES -
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ON SPOTIFY

bit.ly/MHSTPodcast



Support over the summer

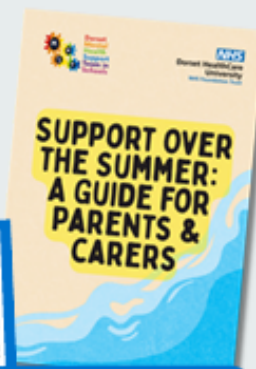
We know the summer holidays can bring both fun and challenges for families, especially when balancing work, childcare and family life. Following feedback from local families at our Supporters Forum, the MHST has created a Summer Support Leaflet packed with practical tips, activity ideas, and links to local and national support services. Whether you're looking for wellbeing advice, parenting support or useful resources, this leaflet includes recommendations from local families to help you feel more supported over the summer.

Free Parent/Carer pre-recorded webinars

The MHST has a range of free pre-recorded webinars available for parents, carers and supporters of children and young people.

Topics include sleep, emotional regulation, school attendance, autism, parenting support and transition to secondary school. Access your chosen webinar by completing the online form here:

Webinar access form: bit.ly/4wAOCxo



<https://bit.ly/4fgyZEm>

Free resources:

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