Welcome to Winton Primary School

The Winton Warbler

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REMINDERS

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY – MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

INSET DAY (CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL) – MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and successful half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Over the past seven weeks, our children have worked hard to settle into the routines and expectations of a new school year, and they have done so brilliantly. Their positive attitudes, resilience and enthusiasm for learning have been a real credit to them and to you.

The half term break provides a valuable opportunity for everyone to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming children back refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead.

We will also be welcoming many of you into school for our Parent Consultation Evenings in November. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher, meet our specialist teachers and spend time looking around the school.

In the meantime, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

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Mr Fuller – Headteacher

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT!



Parent Consultations provide an important opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and discuss not only their academic progress, but also how they have settled into school and their overall wellbeing. These take place on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th November. Your 10-minute appointment slot should be booked via Arbor – Guardian Consultations. Please refer to last week's newsletter for full details.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2028

We would like to make parents and carers aware of a proposal that will shortly be subject to public consultation.

Following a review of local pupil place planning information provided by BCP Council, the Governing Body has agreed to consult on a proposal to reduce Winton Primary School's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 120 to 90 places for children joining Reception from September 2028.

This proposal has been considered in response to the significant decline in birth rates being experienced both locally and nationally, which is leading to fewer children requiring school places in the coming years. Importantly, this proposal would not affect any current pupils, nor would it affect children already due to join the school before September 2028.

A formal consultation will begin after half term and will run for six weeks. During this period, parents, carers and other interested parties will have the opportunity to review the proposal and provide feedback. Once the consultation has concluded, all responses will be carefully considered before a final decision is made as part of the school's admissions arrangements process.

We wanted to ensure that our school community was made aware of the proposal before the consultation is launched publicly. Further information, including details of how to participate in the consultation, will be shared after half term.



DISABLED PARKING SPACES IN THE CAR-PARK

We ask all parents and carers to park safely, responsibly, and considerately when using the school car park. The safety of our children, families, and staff must always be the priority.

Please be aware that the disabled parking bays are reserved exclusively for Blue Badge holders and those who have been given emergency permission to use them by the school. Misuse of these spaces is unacceptable and can prevent those with genuine needs from accessing the school safely. We expect all members of our school community to show courtesy and respect to other car park users at all times.

BCP FOOD SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Due to changes in government funding to local authorities, school holiday food vouchers for eligible families are no longer available. However, support remains available through the council for families experiencing financial difficulties or who may need some extra help.

There are a range of organisations across the BCP area offering practical support and advice. Information about these services, along with a wealth of resources for families, can be found on the BCP Family Information Directory website.

If you are concerned about providing food for your family during the school holidays, please visit the Food Support for Families page to explore the support available. Families are encouraged to seek help early, and assistance is available for anyone who may be struggling.

STAFFING NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Nichols, from Plum class, is expecting a baby and will be starting her maternity leave in February. We would like to congratulate her on this exciting news and wish her family all the very best for the months ahead.



HOUSE COMPETITION

As we reach the end of the first half-term, Green House has reclaimed the top spot on the leaderboard after a strong challenge from Red House in recent weeks. We encourage all children to keep reading over the holidays and earning those all-important Wow points. With the scores so close, it's shaping up to be an exciting competition this year!

HOUSE COMPETITION LEADERBOARD			
1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
254	247	239	224



PFA NEWS

Our Laser Show is SOLD OUT!

Wow, what an incredible response to ticket sales!
A huge thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets. It's set to be a fantastic event, and we can't wait to welcome you to what promises to be a memorable evening.

If you have tickets, please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and event information, including details of food vendors and the treats that will be available on the night.

Didn't manage to get tickets? We are still looking for volunteers to help at the event. If you can spare some time, please get in touch at pfa@wintonprimary.uk. In return, we may be able to offer tickets for the show (subject to very limited availability).

Donations for Wet Play and Play Equipment

This year, our fundraising efforts are focused on improving play opportunities for our children, including enhancements to outdoor play equipment and the provision of additional wet play resources for all year groups.

When we last refreshed our wet play resources two years ago, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community. We are once again reaching out for your support.

If you are planning a pre-Christmas clear-out and have any games or activities that are no longer needed, we would be delighted to give them a new home. Please ensure all items are in good condition and, where applicable, complete.
Some of the children's suggested items for board games include:

- Connect 4
- Buckaroo
- Headbands
- Hungry Hippos
- Frustration
- Chess
- Snakes & Ladders
- Dobble
- Guess Who
- Jenga
- Pop-up Pirate
- Draughts

Card games such as:

- Standard decks of cards
- Uno (all varieties)
- Happy Families
- Snap
- Top Trumps
- Go Fish



Other popular items include:

- Lego
- Magnetic Tiles
- Loom bands
- Plus-Plus
- Jewellery-Making Kits
- Simple Jigsaw Puzzles

PE UPDATES



Cross Country – Last week, an incredible 43 runners represented Winton Primary across three mixed races for Years 4, 5 and 6 at the Bournemouth Schools Cross Country event in Kings Park. As the largest group of runners, Winton certainly made its presence heard! There was amazing encouragement and support throughout, with the chant "Let's go, Winton, let's go!" ringing out above all others. A special well done goes to Ilya in Year 3, who was the only Year 3 pupil to compete in the Year 4 race. Congratulations to everyone involved - there were simply too many fantastic performances to mention!



Girls Football – Last week, Winton Primary's girls enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at The Littledown Centre, competing in the annual Bournemouth Primary Schools' Football competition. With most of our team playing their first competitive matches, they faced a tough opening game against last year's winners. Despite losing, the girls showed tremendous determination and made fantastic progress through the group stages. Demonstrating improved positional play, lovely passing and scoring some excellent goals; their performances included an epic 2-1 win against St. Lukes in the final game after a 1-1 draw against Elm. The girls' teamwork, camaraderie and sportsmanship made it a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. They are now looking forward to their upcoming league games.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Recent investigations, including Sky News' hard-hitting documentary *The Com: Online, Sadistic and Deadly*, have highlighted the dangers children can face online. Whilst these issues may seem frightening or far removed from everyday family life, they are an important reminder that online safety needs to be an ongoing conversation between adults and children.

Children can encounter risks in places they use every day, including online games such as Roblox, as well as TikTok, Discord and other social and messaging platforms. Games can offer great opportunities for creativity and friendship, but chat functions and contact with strangers can expose children to people who do not have their best interests at heart.

Some individuals deliberately build friendships with children, gradually gaining their trust before encouraging them to share personal information or photographs, move to another platform or take part in inappropriate or harmful activities. In more serious cases, they may use threats, manipulation or blackmail to control a child. This can happen even when a child initially believes they are simply talking to a friend.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Talk regularly and openly.** Ask your child what they enjoy playing online, who they play with and how they communicate with others. Keep conversations calm and non-judgemental so they feel able to tell you if something worries them.
- **Check privacy and chat settings.** Review parental controls and communication settings on Roblox and other apps. Restrict contact with strangers and disable or limit chat where appropriate. Remember that settings and features can change as platforms are updated.
- **Know who they are talking to.** Explain that people online are not always who they claim to be. Encourage children to play and communicate with people they know in real life, and never to share their full name, school, address, location, passwords or personal photographs.
- **Agree clear boundaries.** Establish age-appropriate rules about which games and apps can be used, when devices can be accessed and whether online activity takes place in shared family spaces.
- **Look out for changes.** Unusual secrecy, anxiety, distress after using a device or fear of losing access to a game may be reasons to check in gently. These signs do not automatically mean something is wrong, but they should not be ignored.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND HELP?

- Roblox parental controls: https://www.roblox.com/families/
- CEOP Education: https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/ — advice for parents and carers, including how to report suspected online grooming or sexual abuse.
- NSPCC online gaming advice: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/
- Childline: https://www.childline.org.uk/ or call 0800 1111 for free support for children and young people.

Most importantly, make sure your child knows they will never be in trouble for telling you about something that has happened online. If someone makes them uncomfortable, asks them to keep secrets, requests images or threatens them, they should stop responding and tell a trusted adult. Preserve relevant messages or screenshots if it is safe to do so, and report and block the account. If you suspect grooming, sexual exploitation or serious threats, seek advice from the police or CEOP (the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) at www.ceop.police.uk.

We cannot remove every online risk, but by staying informed, checking settings and keeping communication open, we can help our children enjoy the online world more safely. Our aim is not to frighten children away from technology, but to ensure they know how to recognise danger and feel confident asking for help.

COMPULSORY SHINPADS FOR ALL FOOTBALL CLUBS

Please note that with immediate effect, Winton Primary, alongside CASA Football who provide our external football clubs, will be following Football Association guidance in relation to the wearing of shinpads. As a result, all children attending all after-school football clubs **must wear shin pads** in order to participate in the sessions.





DATES TO REMEMBER	
OCTOBER	
MONDAY 26TH TO FRIDAY 30TH	**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
Saturday 31st	Deadline to apply for Secondary school place
NOVEMBER	
Sunday 1st	Application process for Reception 2027 opens online
MONDAY 2ND	**INSET DAY - CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL**
Tuesday 3rd	Children return to school after holidays
	Deadline to order school photos at https://orderphotos.co.uk/
Wednesday 11th	3EW Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall
	PFA Party in the Playground Laser Show - ticket holders only
Friday 13th	Mental Health Support Team Drop-in morning - 8.50 - 9.30am
MONDAY 16TH to FRIDAY 20TH	**NO BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL RUN CLUBS - EXTERNAL PAID FOR CLUBS STILL RUNNING**
Monday 16th	Parent Consultations - 3.40 - 7pm - see above for details
Tuesday 17th	5RR Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall
Wednesday 18th	Parent Consultations - 3.40 - 6pm - see above for details
Tuesday 24th	2AW Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall
Monday 30th	Cherry class Parent Winter Craft Workshop - 2.30pm
	Last week of school run clubs
DECEMBER	
Tuesday 1st	Plum class Parent Winter Craft Workshop - 2.30pm
	4ML Class Assembly - 2.45
Wednesday 2nd	9.15 - 10.30 - 3EW & 3AB Trip to St John's Church - give consent in Arbor
	10.30 - 10.30 - 3ST & 3AB Trip to St John's Church - give consent in Arbor
	Apple class Parent Winter Craft Workshop - 2.30pm
Thursday 3rd	School Nurse Drop in - 9 - 10am - email office for appointment
	Pear class Parent Winter Craft Workshop - 2.30pm
Monday 7th	Last week of external paid for clubs (school clubs already finished)
	Reception visit to Church - see email 8th October - give consent in Arbor
Monday 14th	9am - Cherry class Nativity - see email 7th October
	2.15pm - Plum class Nativity - see email 7th September
Tuesday 15th	9am - Apple class Nativity - see email 7th September
	2.15pm - Pear class Nativity - see email 7th September
Friday 18th	End of Term - children finish school at 1.30pm
MONDAY 21ST TO FRIDAY 1ST JANUARY	**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
DECEMBER	
January 4th	Children return to school after holidays

POPPY APPEAL 2026

Every year, Winton Primary school supports the Royal British Legion poppy appeal and we do so by creating a striking and thought-provoking artistic display either at school or in the community. This year we will be combining with other local schools and contributing to the Trove's Community Field of Poppies. Please see the poster below for details. Poppies will be on sale in school from Tuesday 3rd November, children can purchase these in the classroom.


Community
FIELD OF POPPIES
A sea of handmade poppies, created by our local primary schools and artists, coming together as a community to remember, reflect and honour Poppy Day.
OPEN TO ALL!
Come along and see our artwork
6TH - 13TH NOV
Trove
426 WIMBORNE ROAD
WINTON
OPENING TIMES
11.00am till 4.30pm
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL
Malmesbury Park School
Nigel Bowes Academy
PCPS
Winton Primary School
HV



Half Term activities in BCP Libraries



Drop in during opening hours*

Boscombe Library: Dancing spiders craft

Branksome Library: Pumpkin craft and Halloween treasure hunt

Broadstone Library: Game time! Make your own board game and get a star for Library Legends

Castlepoint Library: Gruffalo craft, treasure hunt and activity sheets

Christchurch Library: Halloween badge maker, pumpkin suncatchers, cobwebs and spiders, and treasure hunt

Creekmoor Library: Gruffalo treasure hunt and craft activities

Ensbury Park Library: Rocking Fox Craft

Hamworthy Library: Drop-in Gruffalo activities all week

Highcliffe Library: Halloween hunt and takeaway activity sheets

Kinson Library: Torch craft and treasure hunt

Oakdale Library: Make a jellyfish!

Parkstone Library: Halloween-themed children's craft activities and colouring

Rossmore Library: Treasure hunt

Southbourne Library: Halloween treasure hunt, colouring and craft

Springbourne Library: Halloween crowns and spooky character craft

Westbourne Library: Paper plate Gruffalo craft, autumn leaf craft and treasure hunt

West Howe Library: Autumn treasure hunt and Halloween decoration colouring

Winton Library: Make a monster headband, learn to draw a spider web, hunt for Halloween characters

***Check individual library opening times before visitng**

Friday 23rd October

Winton Library: **Gruffalo pumpkin carving demonstration** 15:00 - 16:00

Monday 26th October

Broadstone Library: **Welcome Gruffalo Granny!** Listen to a reading of the new book followed by Gruffalo activities. 14:00

Canford Heath Library: **Pat's French for all the family!** 14:15 - 15:15 **booking required**

Highcliffe Library: **Junk model monster** 12:00- 16:00

Tuckton Library: **Meet children's author, Rachel Bright.** Games, drawings and Rachel will be chatting about her books. (Ages 3-8)

Tuesday 27th October:

Rossmore Library: **Gruffalo stories and colouring** 10:30

Canford Cliffs Library: **Gruffalo story time** followed by activities 14:30

Creekmoor Library: **Gruffalo Granny story time** 11:00

Oakdale Library: **Explore Learning - A Knight's Journey workshop** 11:00 - 12:00 (ages 5-9) **booking required**

Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools

NHS
Dorset HealthCare University
NHS Foundation Trust

IS YOUR CHILD'S ANXIETY OR BEHAVIOUR CAUSING CONCERN?

School: Winton Primary
Date: Friday 13th November
Time: 8.50 am

Come and find out how your Mental Health Support Team in School can support with fears & worries and difficult behaviour in children.

Behaviour difficulties are common in children but when it impacts family life it can feel isolating. When this happens, you may need support overcoming the challenging behaviour.

Worry and anxiety are normal emotions, but when they begin to impact a child's daily life, such as hobbies and clubs, they might need support to overcome their worries.

No need to book! We just ask you inform school so we have an idea of numbers.

At MHST we understand that parents and carers know their children best, so we want to support you. This workshop will introduce the principles of the support we can give to you as a parent to support your child overcome their difficulties.

SCAN ME FREE RESOURCES

@DORSETMHST

Winton Primary School



Reception Intake September 2027

Give your child a great start at Winton, where children join a happy, ambitious community where they are encouraged to learn, explore, achieve and belong.

Come and discover Winton Primary School, where "pupils are proud to belong to this school community" and parents are "overwhelmingly positive about the high quality of education and care their children receive." Ofsted, 2024



Children in Reception Year benefit from playing and learning in a stimulating and vocabulary-rich environment. We will support your child to thrive.

And our results speak for themselves:
2025 results were 88% Reading, Writing & Maths combined at KS2 compared to BCP: 63% and National: 62%. This places Winton amongst the highest performing primaries in BCP. (Our unvalidated results for 2026 = 87%)

With birth rates falling locally, parents now have greater choice of primary schools. That means Winton could be a realistic option for families who may not previously have expected to secure a place.

BOOKING SCHOOL TOURS NOW



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Children's Themed Stay and Play Sessions

Winton Primary School

Is your child starting Reception in September 2027?

We warmly invite you to our themed Stay and Play sessions. We look forward to showing you a little of what our wonderful school can offer and giving you a glimpse of the learning and development that takes place here.
No need to book, just turn up. We look forward to seeing you there!



Teddy Bears' Picnic
Tuesday 20th October 2026
4pm-4.45pm



The Enchanted Story Experience
Tuesday 10th November 2026
4pm-4.45pm



The Magical Lantern Walk
Tuesday 1st December 2026
4pm-4.45pm



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