



Welcome to Winton Primary School

The Winton Warbler

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have already completed five full weeks of the term, with just two weeks remaining until the half-term break. The children have worked incredibly hard and continue to demonstrate enthusiasm, commitment and a real love of learning each day. As always at this point in the term, we recognise that everyone can begin to feel a little more tired, and this is where qualities such as resilience, perseverance and kindness become even more important.

In a recent assembly, I spoke to the children about how we respond when things do not go quite as planned. Whether it is a disagreement with a friend, a challenge in the classroom or something unexpected during the day, we reflected on three simple steps:

Stop. Breathe. Choose peace. Taking a moment to pause and think before reacting can make a significant difference to our relationships and helps us create the calm, respectful environment that we value so highly at school. I have been delighted to see so many examples of children showing maturity, empathy and consideration towards one another, and I know they will continue to draw upon these qualities as we approach the end of the half term.

 **Stop**
 **Breathe**
 **Choose peace**

SR Fuller

Mr Fuller – Headteacher



CHILDREN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Ellis in 5MS has continued to excel in his cricketing endeavours and his parents are 'bowled over' with pride to share the news that he has been selected for a place in the Dorset Cricket Academy! We love hearing about your progression and dedication, Ellis.

We have another superstar in Year 5 to celebrate this week; **Heidi in 5RR** has been accepted into the Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) Boscombe Surf Lifesaving Club following a successful trial. What an important and vital service the RLSS provide, and we are super impressed to hear your great news, Heidi.



Our final children of achievement this week are **Arabella in 4ML** and **Braxson in 3EW** who not only both ran personal best times in their ParkRuns last week; they also raised a fantastic £220 for the Ellis Edwards Foundation who are a wonderful local charity who support bereaved children and families in the BCP area.



HOUSE COMPETITION LEADERBOARD			
1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH
133	129	124	120



NO SQUISHIES IN SCHOOL

We kindly ask that children do **not bring squishies into school**. Unfortunately, we have had a number of incidents where squishies have burst or exploded, causing permanent damage to carpets and other school property. There are also concerns about the contents of some squishies, as we cannot guarantee that the materials inside are safe if they leak or come into contact with children.

If a child is found with a squishy in school, it will need to be confiscated by a member of staff. The squishy will be returned directly to a parent, carer, or other responsible adult at the end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our children safe and respecting our school environment.

PFA NEWS

Party in the Playground Laser Show - Early Bird Tickets Available Now!



As announced in last week's newsletter, we are delighted to announce our new outdoor family event, *Party in the Playground* on Wednesday the 11th of November. The event consists of two professional laser shows choreographed to music, as well as entertainment from Outalimits discos.

Gates will open at 5pm with the first laser show at 6pm and the final show at 7pm. Refreshments will be available at the event with more details to follow soon.

Unlike a traditional firework display, a laser show offers all the excitement and spectacle of a dazzling light show without the loud bangs, making it a fantastic option for young children. **All adults and children require a ticket to attend, children under 3 are free of charge.** Children are required to be supervised by parents and carers at all times. This will be an outdoor event, and the laser show will go ahead even if it is raining. In fact, laser effects often look even more impressive in rain, creating an even more spectacular display!

Please note that ticket numbers are limited, so we encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment. **Early bird tickets are priced at just £5 until 9am on 2nd November.** After this date, ticket prices will increase to £7 each person. Tickets will be on sale until midnight 8th November, unless the event sells out prior to this date. All tickets must be purchased in advance via Arbor - School Shop - PFA Party in the Playground and will not be available on the gate.

The school car park will be closed to general parking on the evening of the event and reserved for Blue Badge holders only. If you require on-site parking due to mobility needs, please contact the school/PFA ahead of the event so that we can arrange a parking permit for you. Where possible, we would encourage families to walk to the event or park a little further away and enjoy a short walk to the school. This will help us to maintain clear emergency vehicle access routes and ensure that parked cars do not block entrances or roads around the site.

We look forward to welcoming you for a fantastic evening of laser lights, music and family fun!

FAMILY BINGO - SOLD OUT!

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket to our family bingo event on Wednesday the 14th of October. Please ensure that your family group arrives together through the front entrance after collection so that we can tick you off our register and provide your bingo game books. Drinks, snacks and raffle tickets will be available to purchase during the event. We look forward to welcoming you for a fun-filled afternoon!



PHOTOGRAPH PROOFS AND FREE DELIVERY ORDER DEADLINE

Children have been given their photograph proof card to bring home following the individual and sibling photos taken in school last week.

All orders are to be made online at <https://orderphotos.co.uk/> where you will need your *Proof Card ID* from the proof card.

For parents who have not received the proof card, please email office@wintonprimary.uk from the email address registered to school and we can email a copy to you. For free delivery to school, orders must be placed by the end of Tuesday 3rd November. After this date, you can still place orders, but you will need to pay for delivery to your home address.

YOUNG CARERS

At Winton Primary we are committed to ensuring that all pupils get the support they need to have a positive school experience, are happy in school and can achieve their full potential.

We know that for some pupils, factors outside of school can have a big impact on this, particularly if there is someone in their family who is ill, disabled, or has mental health difficulties or a neurodiversity diagnosis. We call these pupils young carers.

Pupils can be young carers for lots of different reasons:

- Medication reminders
- Emotional support
- Practical tasks around the home
- Translating
- Looking after brothers or sisters



We partner as a school with [MYTIME Young Carers charity](#) and also [BCP Young Carers](#) to provide support for young carers and their families both in and out of school. If you think that any of the above applies to your child and that they might possibly be a young carer then please contact Mrs Meseg by emailing bmeseg@wintonprimary.uk and she will talk you through what is available.

DO NOT SCOOT OR CYCLE ON THE SCHOOL SITE

- Please remember that bikes and scooters should only be ridden on the cycle path around the outside of the front car park. Elsewhere on the school site, children and adults should **push, not ride**.
- We continue to see regular near misses and minor collisions, which presents a safety risk to our school community. Please help us prevent a serious accident by reminding anyone riding in the school grounds to **'Push, Not Ride.'**
- Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.



DATES TO REMEMBER	
OCTOBER	
Monday 12th	Cherry class Parent Tour - 2.45pm
Tuesday 13th	6EH Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall
	Plum class Parent Tour - 2.45pm
Wednesday 14th	Apple class Parent Tour - 2.45pm
	PFA Bingo - 3.30 - 4.45pm SOLD OUT
Thursday 15th	Pear class Parent Tour - 2.45pm
Sunday 18th	Deadline to order hot meals for after half-term - new menu coming
Monday 19th	Flu Immunisations in school - see email 16th Sep - sign-up by 14th Oct
Tuesday 20th	1SC Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall
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
	9am Early Bird Deadline ends to purchase Laser Show tickets
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 - tickets required - see above
MONDAY 16TH to FRIDAY 20TH	NO BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL RUN CLUBS - EXTERNAL PAID FOR CLUBS STILL RUNNING
Monday 16th	Parent Consultations - 3.30 - 7pm - more details to follow
Tuesday 17th	5RR Class Assembly - 2.45pm in the Small Hall
Wednesday 18th	Parent Consultations - 3.30 - 6pm - more details to follow
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	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
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
January 4th	Children return to school after holidays

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL UPDATE

Last term, we shared information about the BCP Council School Crossing Patrol consultation and the survey being run by Tom Hayes MP. We have received an update from Tom, which you can read below in his letter to the Head of Transportation at BCP Council.



The survey has received more than 1,200 responses so far, including 116 that specifically mention Winton Primary School. Tom is continuing to urge the council to reconsider its proposals to remove school crossing patrols. If you have not yet completed the survey and would like to share your views, please visit:

<https://tomhayes.org.uk/school-crossing-patrols/>

Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to support this important issue.



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Richard Pincroft
Head of Transportation
BCP Council

CC:
Glynn Barton
Chief Operations Officer
BCP Council

30 September 2026

Subject: Survey Evidence on the Contribution of Lollipop Men and Women

Dear Richard,

I am writing to share the results of my community survey on School Crossing Patrols, which ran for approximately 100 days between mid-June and late September 2026.

The message from 1,201 local residents could not be clearer: do not axe our lollipop people.

Indeed, this message would have been even stronger, and voiced by even more people, had BCP Council not taken certain steps. Lollipop men and women should not be put in a position where they feel unable to speak freely about decisions that directly affect the communities they serve.

Responses were received from families attending Queen's Park Academies, St Walburga's Catholic Primary School, Winton Primary School, The Epiphany School, and Stourfield Schools. Collectively, these schools generated hundreds of responses and demonstrated consistent concerns about child safety, speeding traffic, safeguarding, community cohesion and the limitations of replacing trained School Crossing Patrol Officers with permanent crossings.

The survey shows an overwhelming view that lollipop men and women play an indispensable role in keeping children safe and provide benefits that cannot be repeated by road infrastructure.

Survey finding	Result
Lollipop person is "very important" for child safety	1,143 — 95.2%
Lollipop person is fairly or very important	1,195 — 99.5%
Would feel much less or slightly less safe if replaced	1,095 — 91.2%
Would feel much less safe	971 — 80.8%
Currently use a school crossing patrol	902 — 75.1%
Don't currently use one	299 — 24.9%

Significantly, even among those who do not personally rely on a School Crossing Patrol, support is overwhelming. Of the 299 who said they do not use a patrol, 274 (91.6%) still describe lollipop people as "very important" and 267 (89.3%) said they would feel less safe if patrols were ended. This reflects a wider recognition of the value these officers provide to local communities.

I am deeply concerned that a child may be harmed in an avoidable accident if School Crossing Patrols are removed. The evidence gathered through this survey is overwhelming: lollipop men and women save lives, prevent accidents, and provide protection that cannot be replicated by infrastructure alone. If these patrols are cut despite that evidence, and a child is injured, many won't be able to forgive BCP Council for the removal of a proven safety measure so clearly supported by so many in the community.

The survey also explored why residents value School Crossing Patrols.

- 98% said helping children cross safely was a key benefit.
- 93.8% said they help manage busy or unpredictable traffic.
- 92.8% valued their visible safeguarding presence.
- 92.3% said they support younger children who are still learning road awareness.
- 91.3% valued the reassurance they provide to children and parents.

Residents do not see School Crossing Patrols simply as people who help children cross a road. They see them as trained adults who actively assess risks, manage hazards, intervene whenever children are distracted, and provide a trusted human presence during one of the busiest and most challenging periods of the day. The written comments bring these statistics to life.

Parents repeatedly describe instances where School Crossing Patrol Officers intervened to prevent a child stepping into the road when it was unsafe. Respondents recalled children becoming distracted by friends, mobile phones, bicycles or scooters, only for a patrol officer to step in before a potentially serious incident occurred.

Numerous parents said they had confidence allowing their child greater independence because they knew a familiar and trusted adult would be present each morning and afternoon. Several explain that the patrol officer had become part of their child's daily routine and was someone their child knew by name and looked out for when walking to school.

One parent explained that they were only comfortable allowing their child to walk ahead independently because they knew the School Crossing Patrol Officer would be there to supervise them crossing safely. Another stated that the officer had personally stopped children from stepping into traffic on multiple occasions.

There was a recurring theme about driver behaviour. Many respondents reported persistent concerns about speeding vehicles, distracted driving, failure to observe crossings correctly and congestion around school entrances. Some described witnessing near misses. Others referred to collisions or incidents that had occurred at conventional crossings elsewhere, reinforcing their belief that a trained adult remains the most effective safeguard.

Particularly striking were comments about schools where roads become heavily congested at drop-off and collection times. Parents described situations where parked vehicles obstruct visibility, children emerge unexpectedly between cars and drivers become impatient. In these environments, respondents argued that a static crossing point cannot replicate the judgment, awareness and intervention of a trained person actively monitoring the scene.

The survey highlights a role that extends beyond road safety alone.

Again and again, residents described School Crossing Patrol Officers as trusted members of the school community. They know many of the children and parents personally. They provide a reassuring presence at the start and end of the school day. They notice when a child is distressed, when someone appears lost or when circumstances seem unusual. They offer a level of informal safeguarding that residents believe would be lost if patrols were removed.

One respondent summed this up particularly powerfully, describing the role as "more than road safety" because the patrol knows local families and children in a way that a zebra crossing or traffic light never could.

This view mirrors BCP Council's own description of the role: School Crossing Patrol Officers are responsible for identifying hazards, monitoring traffic movement and speed, stopping vehicles safely, managing pedestrian and traffic flow, and reporting incidents and near misses.

That description reflects what residents told me through this survey: School Crossing Patrol Officers are not passive infrastructure. They are active risk managers, community figures and safeguarding assets.

The key question, therefore, is not simply whether a physical crossing can be installed at a particular location. The question is whether that crossing can genuinely provide the same level of active supervision, hazard identification, traffic management, safeguarding awareness, road-safety education and reassurance as a trained School Crossing Patrol Officer.

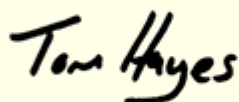
The evidence from 1,201 residents strongly suggests that local people do not believe it can.

At a time when concerns about child safety, road safety and active travel are rightly receiving greater public attention, removing trusted and valued School Crossing Patrols would run counter to the clearly expressed views of the communities they serve.

I therefore ask BCP Council to consider this evidence before any changes are finalised and to work with myself, schools, parents, and communities to keep these vital patrols.

For families, lollipop people are more than crossing supervisors. They are familiar faces, trusted adults and an essential part of keeping children safe on the journey to and from school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Tom Hayes MP
Labour Member of Parliament for Bournemouth East