

# May 2026

## Wintringham Primary Academy

### Head's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy and exciting half term it has been at Wintringham! There have been so many interesting and inspiring activities taking place across all year groups. From engaging classroom projects and creative activities to class trips to Warwick Castle and the British Museum, sporting events and of course our Year 6 children completing their SATs. Our pupils have truly embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity.

This newsletter is packed full of highlights that showcase the wonderful learning experiences happening every day. We are incredibly proud of our children's hard work, positive attitudes, and the way they continue to support and encourage one another. We hope you enjoy reading about what has been going on and celebrating these moments with us!



Our PTFA will be helping to run a Summer Fair after school on Thursday 18th June. I hope that you will all be able to join us for a fun afternoon.

Please note that Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 30th June. Reception & KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. Further details to follow.



#### Key Dates:

- 25th—29th May— Half Term**
- Monday 1st June—Term Starts for Pupils**
- Tuesday 2nd June—Year 1 Phonic Workshop**
- Tuesday 9th June—Class Photos**
- Friday 12th June—Year 3 Trip to Natural History Museum**
- Thursday 18th June—School Summer Fair**
- Wednesday 24th June—SEND Parents Evening**
- Tuesday 30th June— Sports Day**
- Wednesday 1st July—Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo**
- 8th-10th July—Year 4 trip to Grafham Water**
- Friday 10th July—Reception & The Lighthouse Trip to Sacrewell Farm**
- 15th-17th July—Year 6 Trip to Hilltop**
- Friday 17th July—End of school year**
- The children return to school for the Autumn Term on Thursday 3d September**



# Reception

Reception have enjoyed another busy and exciting half term. One of the highlights was our journey back in time to the Mesozoic Era. The children were fascinated by learning about dinosaurs and how they lived millions of years ago. They explored different types of dinosaurs, learned new vocabulary and took part in imaginative play within our dinosaur museum. Creating dinosaur artwork and sharing dinosaur facts helped bring this prehistoric world to life and captured everyone's imagination.

Reception also focused closely on plants and their life cycles, helping the children understand how living things grow and change over time. Through stories such as '*The Tiny Seed*', discussions and sequencing activities, the children learned about the different stages in a plant's life, from the very beginning as a tiny seed through to full growth. They explored how plants change as they develop and talked about what plants need to stay healthy.

In the last two weeks of the half term, the children turned their attention to minibeasts through the much-loved story '*Superworm*' and '*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*'. These books inspired lots of discussion about worms, caterpillars, butterflies and other small creatures, helping the children think about where minibeasts live and why they are important to us. Well done, Reception!

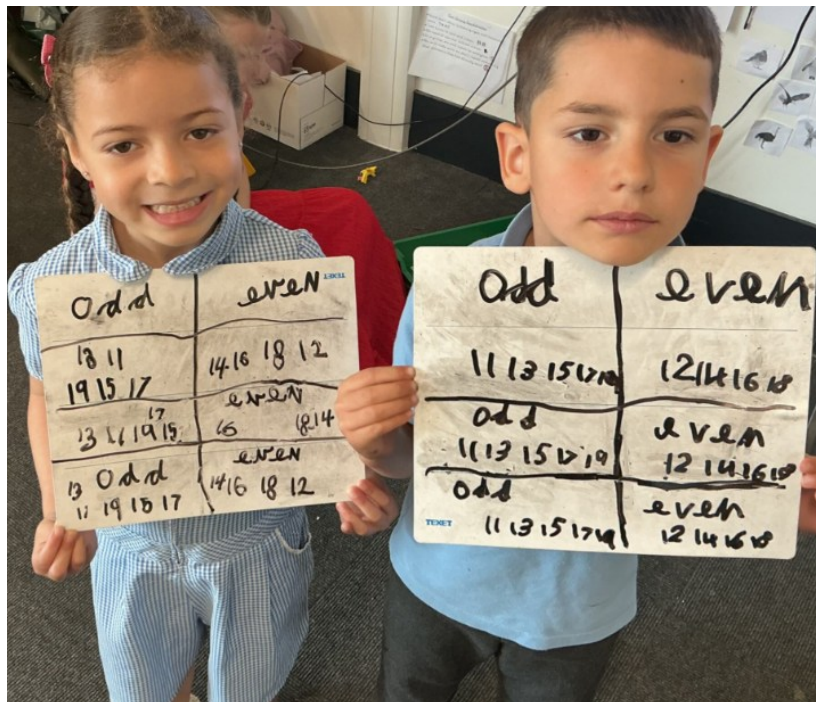


# Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed another busy half term of learning. This half term they have thoroughly enjoyed completing their Woven Wonders unit in Art and Design. The children explored a range of weaving techniques, including threading, plaiting, and weaving, to create their own colourful models. They worked brilliantly in teams, showing excellent cooperation and creativity throughout the project. The children particularly enjoyed experimenting with colour and thinking carefully about how different colours work together in their designs.



In Maths, Year 1 have been investigating odd and even teen numbers. They have been using practical resources and problem-solving activities to identify patterns and deepen their understanding of number.



## Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic time on their trip to Warwick Castle, and the children made us incredibly proud throughout the day. Every pupil was respectful, listened carefully to instructions and impressed us with the wonderful castle knowledge they shared during the visit. We explored the motte and bailey castle and learnt even more about William the Conqueror and life in medieval times. One of the highlights of the day was having the opportunity to hold a heavy piece of armour and even a real sword, which the children found very exciting!

At lunchtime, the children enjoyed watching the spectacular Falconer's Quest show, where they saw a variety of beautiful birds in flight. Although the weather was wet and rainy at times, it certainly did not dampen their spirits, and a wonderful day was had by everyone. The children represented Wintringham brilliantly and should all be very proud of themselves.



## Year 3

Wilson Class have been participating in Forest School this term. They have begun to explore the area more, finding new things each week, for example, the bug hotel, mud kitchen and learning facts about the environment through books. The children have now been given the opportunity to try and light a small fire. They have all shown perseverance and were all very pleased when they were able to do this. Well done Wilson Class!



## Year 3 continued

Year 3 went to Winhills to participate in the DLPT sport event. They worked in teams at different sports which included football, athletics and dodgeball. All children worked well together and showed great sportsmanship once they finished games. Wintringham came first and we are very proud of them all. Well done Year 3!



# Year 4

Year 4 have been very musical this term! In our Music unit, they have been learning about samba and carnival music. First, they learnt about the different instruments involved in the genre before playing similar ones we have in school. Then they have been learning and playing syncopated rhythms before applying the skills to make their own short pieces involving breaks.

Connecting their learning, in Science they have been learning about sound and how it is made and travels. They have been measuring it in different ways, including pitch and volume, and completing enquiries testing different theories. One of them included going outside to test how volume changes over different distances. We even made string cups to see if sound travels better through solids or gases!



# Year 5

Year 5 enthusiastically took part in a school trust sports competition representing our school with pride and teamwork. The children supported one another, celebrated successes, and demonstrated resilience when faced with challenges, making the experience both enjoyable and memorable for everyone involved.



We also enjoyed an exciting visit to the British Museum to deepen our understanding of Ancient Greece. During the trip, we explored fascinating artefacts such as Greek pottery, sculptures, and historical displays. The children asked thoughtful questions and took part in discussions about Greek culture, mythology, and daily life, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm.



## Year 6

Year 6 were fantastic last week during their SATs. They approached each day with a positive attitude, showing confidence, resilience and belief in themselves from start to finish. Every pupil worked incredibly hard and should feel proud of the effort and determination they demonstrated throughout the week. Their mature approach, focus and willingness to give their very best in every test has been wonderful to see, and they have been a credit to themselves and the school.

The Year 6 children represented the school brilliantly at the DLPT sports event, showing excellent determination, resilience and teamwork throughout the day. They performed extremely well across all three sports — football, dodgeball and athletics — always giving their best effort and supporting one another. Their positive attitude, perseverance and sportsmanship made everyone proud, and they should be congratulated for the way they competed with enthusiasm and respect.



# The Lighthouse

Over the last half term, the children in The Lighthouse have worked incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum and should be very proud of everything they have achieved. In English, our older pupils have been studying 'Stormbreaker', developing their grammar, sentence structure and descriptive writing skills through exciting spy-themed learning. Our younger children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring 'The Storm Whale', using adjectives, nouns and verbs to build imaginative and increasingly confident sentences.

In Maths, the children have covered a wide range of practical skills including money, time, and column addition and subtraction, showing growing confidence and resilience in their learning. Through their PSHE work, pupils have taken part in thoughtful discussions about what is important to them, helping to develop self-awareness, relationships and emotional understanding.

The children have been delving into the fascinating world of the Mayans, where they have enthusiastically created Lego temples and magnificent headdresses fit for a king! In Art, pupils have explored the styles of a range of artists including Piet Mondrian, Yayoi Kusama and Bridget Riley, experimenting with pointillism, optical illusions and bold pattern work to produce some fantastic creative outcomes.

In PE, the children have been developing key cricket skills, including throwing, catching and the "long barrier" fielding technique, whilst demonstrating excellent teamwork and perseverance. During Investigations, pupils have explored the human body, locating vital organs and learning about their functions, before moving on to the digestive system — a topic the children found both fascinating and, at times, delightfully messy!

The children have been enjoying weekly cooking sessions with Mr Catlin.



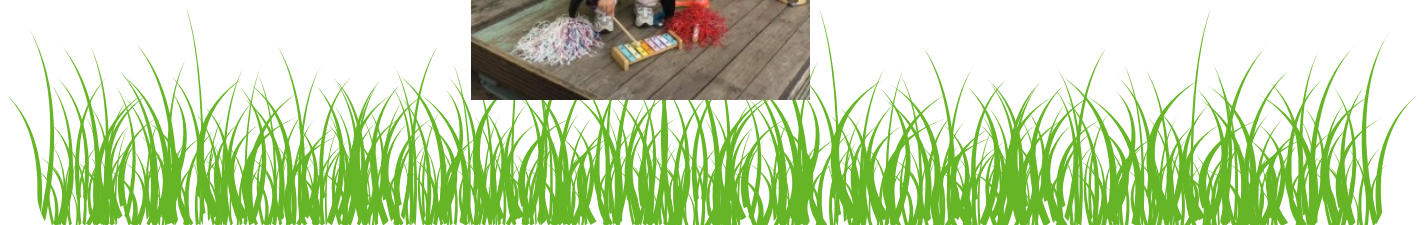
# Pre-school

This half term, Pre-School have been busy learning about the theme 'Around the World.' They have used three supporting books to help the children understand different countries, cultures and ways of life.

The Pre-Schoolers have been busy using learning about the different places in the world that all our Pre-School families have come from and the languages that they may speak at home. They have looked at the different animals that you might find in these different countries. The children have also been talking about their own travels and adventures and have used pictures of landmarks from around the world to do this – some children have taken the challenge of trying to build these landmarks out of different construction materials.

It has also been a pleasure to witness the children's growing understanding in their phonics interventions. Their understanding of the different initial sounds is developing well, and they can recognise the sounds at the beginning of their names – this is a great start towards early reading.

Children have been embracing the warm weather and have been spending lots of time outdoors where they have started to see some progress with the different fruits and vegetables that we have planted outside.



# Reminders

## **Uniform**

We ask that when you are purchasing new shoes for your child to wear at school, they are black school shoes. No trainers are to be worn other than for P.E. Our uniform is as follows:

Grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers. Please ensure skirts are knee length

Navy blue sweatshirt

Sky blue polo shirt

White or grey socks or navy blue or grey tights

Black shoes with closed heels and toes

Summer dress is blue and white checked

P.E. t-shirts should be plain white and P.E. shorts should be loose fitting 'football style' and not leggings or cycling shorts.

## **Closed Facebook Groups**

We have a closed Facebook group that is only open to parents and carers. A request to join this group can be made using the following link: [\(20+\) Wintringham Primary Academy | Facebook](#)

Access to the Closed Pre-school group can be made using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/397561551714119>

## **Holiday Absence**

In line with Statutory Guidance from the Department of Education, Headteachers are only allowed to authorise absence during term time in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not classed as exceptional circumstances. The children only attend school for 190 days out of 365 and we do expect parents to take holidays during the 13 weeks of school holidays.

Please be aware that as this is an unauthorised absence you could be at risk of the Education Welfare Officer issuing a fixed penalty fine. Term dates for the 2025/2026 school year have been sent home to parents and are available on the school website. Please contact the school office if you require a further copy.

## **School Dinners**

Our in-house catering company, Diamond Diners, provide school meals for the children.

Menus are available on the school website. The cost of a school meal is £2.65. Lunches can be ordered on a daily basis, but all school meals must be paid for in advance.

## **Nut Allergy**

Children's packed lunches must not contain peanut butter or other snacks which contain nuts. Items which state 'may contain nuts' should also not be brought into school as we have children with allergies in school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Please only put water in your child's water bottle as juice is not allowed in the bottles.

Term dates can be found on the school website

Please walk to school if at all possible. If you have to drive, please park safely and considerately to our neighbours.

