

October 2025

Wintringham Primary Academy Head's Newsletter

October has been another very busy month for all the children. I hope that you will enjoy reading this newsletter to find out more about some of the activities that have taken place.

It is half term next week, and I hope that all our families have a wonderful break. Please remember that we have a training day on Monday 3rd November, so we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 4th November.

Please remember that we have individual photographs and sibling groups taking place on 6th November. We also have a fundraising disco after school that day. I hope to see lots of the children at the disco.

Unfortunately, I have noticed an increasing number of children are arriving after the school gates have closed. Please can I remind you that the classroom doors open at 8.35am and that all children should be in class ready for registration to take place at 8.45am. Arriving late means that your child may miss out on important information to start the day and is disruptive for both your child and the rest of the class. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.

Several parents have expressed an interest in setting up a Parent, Teacher, Friend Association to help raise much needed funds for the school. We will be holding a meeting with these parents after half term, but if you would also be interested in joining this group, please let the school office know. Thank you to those who have already contacted us. Hopefully we will soon be able to organise more events.



Key Dates:

27th—31st October—Half Term

Monday 3rd November —Staff Training Day

Thursday 6th November — Individual Photos

Thursday 6th November— School Disco

Friday 14th November — Children in Need Day

Wednesday 3rd December — Year 6 Ballet in London

Thursday 4th December — Christmas Fair

Monday 8th December— FS Performance

Tuesday 9th December— FS & KS1 Performances

Wednesday 10th December— KS1 Performance

Thursday 11th December - KS1 Performance

Wednesday 17th December — Christmas Lunch

Friday 19th December — Last Day of Term

Monday 5th January—Term Starts



On Saturday 1st December, some of our staff have arranged a craft fair in the school hall, with the profits from the event being donated to the school. It runs from 12pm to 4pm if you and your families are able to attend it. Refreshments will also be available. We are starting to make arrangements for a school Christmas Fair after school on Thursday 4th December. Please put the date in your diary as we would love to see you all there.

Please can you remind your children to be careful when cycling or riding their scooters on the Plaza in front of the school? We have noticed that some of the children travel very quickly and there have been a few accidents and near misses.

Football Tournaments

Both the Year 5 and Year 6 football teams took part in their respective tournaments last week, showing fantastic determination and teamwork throughout. The level of competition was incredibly high, but our players rose to the challenge, displaying great skill, sportsmanship, and passion for the game. The Year 5 team played some excellent football, working together to create chances and defend brilliantly. The Year 6 team also performed superbly, battling hard in every match and narrowly missing out on a place in the final after a heartbreaking 1-0 loss, to the eventual winners, in the last 30 seconds of their semi-final. Both teams should be extremely proud of their efforts and the way they represented the school. Well done everyone.



Reception

This half term, Inkpen and Ahlberg classes have been busy exploring the wonderful world of food! One of their highlights was making their own fruit kebabs — the children loved choosing their favourite fruits, practising careful cutting skills, and tasting their delicious creations.

The children have also been working hard to improve their pencil grip and scissor control through fun activities to support their fine motor skills.

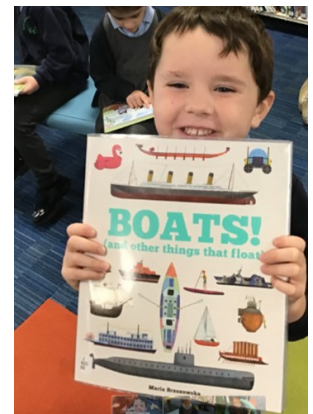
They have also enjoyed learning the song Yellow Bird using Makaton, which has helped them to express themselves in new and inclusive ways. Outdoors, they've been gathering and exploring autumnal treasures like colourful leaves, conkers, and acorns. This has captured the children's imagination and curiosity and led to some lovely class discussions.



Year 1

Our Year 1 pupils had a wonderful time on their recent visit to St Neots library! They represented the school beautifully, showing great curiosity, enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour throughout the morning.

The children enjoyed an engaging talk from the librarian who explained all about what happens in the library and how it helps our community. They then had the chance to browse the shelves, discovering a wide range of exciting books. There was great excitement when children had the opportunity to sign out a book to borrow, using their library cards. To finish off the visit, the children shared a story on the carpet before the walk back to school.



Year 2



Year 2 had a lovely time visiting St Neots Library. The children enjoyed a walk to the library, where they were warmly welcomed by the staff. They learned that the library is a place where they can borrow books for free using a library card. The visit included a story time session, which the children listened to with great enthusiasm. Afterwards, they explored the wide selection of fantastic books available. Some children even had the opportunity to borrow a book using their own library cards. Well done to Year 2 for their excellent listening and for being so considerate of other members of the public during the visit.

Last week Year 2 were very lucky to welcome some of our wonderful parents into school to talk to the children about Diwali. As part of the celebration, the parents led a range of exciting activities, including creating firework pictures with chalk, colouring Rangoli patterns, making lanterns, and even applying washable henna tattoos. The children were enthusiastic and fully engaged throughout the afternoon. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the festival of Diwali in a fun and creative way. We were also incredibly grateful to receive resource donations from Stonebond, which helped make the event even more special. A big thank you to everyone who contributed — it was a truly lovely afternoon for all involved!

Year 3



In DT, Wilson and Milne class have been learning about seasonal food. They began by looking at which food grows in which countries and how these are imported. They then looked at which seasons specific fruit or vegetables grow in. After this, they designed their own seasonal tarts, ensuring they used a range of coloured food. Having then made them, the children evaluated their seasonal tarts, thinking about what they would do differently next time. The children did a fantastic job, ensuring they were safe throughout!



Year 3 Continued



This term, we visited our local library with Year 4. The librarian explained to the children how they can borrow and return books and also about the different activities they have in there, such as lego club. The children had time to look at the books and choose to borrow one! The children had lots of compliments on their behaviour and represented the school beautifully. Well done Year 3!

In Maths, Year 3 have been exploring different angles. The children started by creating an 'angle checker' and finding right angles within the environment. They then learnt the names of the different angles and began exploring and finding these in shapes.

Year 4



This term, Morpurgo Class visited our local library with Year 3. To start, they had a short talk from one of the librarians to remind them about how they can use the library, the process of borrowing books and the rules for borrowing and returning them. The children then had a chance to explore the library and borrow a book! Everyone was very impressed by the range of books they had and all managed to find one that sparked their interest.



In Maths this term, Year 4 have been expanding their knowledge of place value to include thousands. They started by learning about 4-digit numbers, unitising in different amounts and exploring the composition of different numbers. Then they used their knowledge to compare and order sequences of numbers. The children really enjoyed playing a game which involved trying to make a greater number than their partner. It required a lot of strategy to decide where to place each number to try and ensure a win! It challenged everyone to apply their understanding to consider the value of each digit.



Year 5 & 6



Our Year 6 class had a wonderful trip to the library. They were welcomed by one of the librarians, who read them an engaging book that everyone enjoyed. Afterwards, the children had plenty of time to explore the shelves, read books individually and together, and discover new stories that captured their interest. To finish the visit, each pupil had the chance to check out a book of their choice to take home and enjoy.



Before heading to the library, Year 6 enjoyed a lovely walk to the Market Square as part of their geography and maths work. The children spent time observing their surroundings carefully, noting down what they could see and hear in the busy town centre. Working in small groups, they created surveys to collect data on a range of topics, including the different types of businesses in the area, the various modes of transport passing through, and even the colours of cars parked nearby. The pupils showed great enthusiasm and teamwork as they gathered their findings, demonstrating curiosity and a thoughtful approach to understanding their local community.

Please be aware that the Year 6 SATS will be taking place during the week commencing 11th May 2026. Please do not book absences at this time if at all possible.





Pre-school

It has been a very busy first half term in Pre-School. Children have continued to learn 'All About Me' and have been using the books 'Daisy's Dragons' and 'My Shadow is Purple' to help them explore their understandings of their sense of self further. The children have been using opportunities in their learning environments to try new things, accept and understand challenges and with the new children joining establish new friendships and relationships between peers.

This week children have been looking at the festival Diwali. We used a book to help them understand why Diwali is celebrated across the world and they have had the opportunities to create Rangoli patterns, and create oil lamps called Diyas.

They have also been continuing to understand the key concepts of song, rhyme and early phonic awareness in their Rhyme Time sessions. This week the children have moved on to the rhyme '1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive.' There has been some brilliant group singing during these sessions.



Mrs Clarke has continued to introduce the children to Forest School. It has been a pleasure to see the children in Pre-School accessing the wider school environment and begin to make a difference to our wetland area and the top end of the field. A delivery of trees is on the way, and I can't wait to see them grow and help our Forest school environment develop.



This week, the children wrapped up their learning relating to the "Wonderful World." Using *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas as their guide, they explored a variety of emotions that children may feel throughout their day. Through group discussions, stories, and creative activities, they talked about how to identify and manage different emotions, helping the children to build emotional awareness and empathy in a gentle and appropriate way.



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.

Term dates can be found on the school website

