

# Wintringham Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another school year is drawing to a close, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful summer break, and hope that you enjoy the summer holiday with your families. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please remember that the new parking restrictions in Nuffield Road will be in force at this time.

Thank you for all the very kind wishes, gifts and cards that have been sent into the staff and myself. They are very much appreciated by everyone.

Susannah Connell, the CEO and founder of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust, will be retiring at the end of the school year. Her dedication to improving the children's learning and to raising their aspirations and experiences has shone through her leadership of the Trust for the last 13 years. Please join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement. The new CEO will be Jonathon Lewis, who has been working in the Trust this year as our CFOO. He has been based at Wintringham for the last year and even attended the KS1 trip to Whipsnade Zoo. I am sure that the Trust will continue to flourish under his leadership.

We will be very sad to see our Year 6 children leave, but we know that they will all go on to their new schools with our best wishes and we are sure that they will all settle in quickly and continue to make great progress! I am so proud of how well the children committed to their learning this year, and their hard work was very well rewarded by their KS2 SATs results. In reading 78% of children met the expected standard (national average of 75%), in writing 74% met the standard (national average of 72%) and in maths our result was 67% (national average of 74%). Our combined results for all three was 59% compared to the national average of 62%. Well done to all the children.



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Sadly, Miss Dakin from Year 6 and Miss Hayllar from Year 1 will both be leaving us at the end of term and I am sure you will all join me in wishing them all the best for the future. We will also be saying goodbye to three of our teaching assistants - Mrs Glover, Mrs Matthews and Miss Arrowsmith this term. Again, we send them our good wishes for the future. We will also be welcoming four new teachers to the school – Mrs Connor, who has worked at other schools in the Trust, Miss Little, Miss Philpott and Miss McCrystal. Mrs Gosnell has also now returned from her maternity leave.

In September we will be opening two new classes – Kerr Class in Year 2 and Milne Class in Year 3. Some of our existing teachers will also be moving year groups in September and the classes will be as follows:

Inkpen Class	Reception	Mrs Gosnell and Miss Connor
Ahlberg Class	Reception	Mrs Carroll
Rosen Class	Year 1	Mrs Edwards
Potter Class	Year 1	Miss Thai
Donaldson Class	Year 2	Miss O'Sullivan
Kerr Class	Year 2	Miss Elam
Wilson Class	Year 3	Miss Hopkins
Milne Class	Year 3	Miss Little
Morpurgo Class	Year 4	Miss Philpott
Rowling Class	Year 5	Miss McCrystal
Zephaniah Class	Year 6	Mr Colborne

Thank you to Barrett Homes and David Wilson Homes for their donations towards new picnic benches which will be placed in the area outside the hall to create a lovely area for the children to eat their lunch.

The recent school disco was a fantastic event that brought smiles and excitement to everyone who attended. The children had a great time, filling the hall with laughter, singing, and lots of dancing. From the latest pop hits to classic party tunes, the energy on the dance floor never dipped. A huge thank you goes to Mr Bell, who did an amazing job as the DJ for the night, keeping the music flowing and the party atmosphere alive. It was a memorable evening enjoyed by all, full of fun and joy.



Our Sports Day was great fun, full of energy, teamwork, and determination. Despite the heat, every child gave their best, showing incredible effort and resilience in all the activities. It was wonderful to see the genuine enthusiasm as pupils cheered on their teammates and celebrated each other's achievements. A special thank you goes to our Year 6 house captains, who were a real credit to the school—helping set up equipment, offering support to staff, and encouraging the younger children throughout the morning. Their leadership and positivity made a real difference to the day's success. Wembley House team were the eventual winners by a very small margin.



To celebrate the end of term, Wintringham held its much-anticipated talent competition, Wintringham Has Got Talent. The event brought together finalists from each year group, each showcasing a unique and impressive talent. The variety of acts on display made for a truly entertaining afternoon, with performances ranging from energetic dance routines and powerful singing to jaw-dropping magic tricks that left the audience amazed.

Each finalist performed confidently on stage. It was wonderful to see the children supporting one another and celebrating each other's talents.

The competition highlighted the creativity, courage, and enthusiasm of all involved. While only one winner could be chosen, every performer was celebrated for their effort and skill. Wintringham Has Got Talent was a fantastic way to end the term on a high, and a reminder of how talented our pupils truly are. Elena in Year 3 was the overall winner singing 'I See Stars'. Well done, Elena.



We were delighted to welcome a visitor from Woodgreen Pets Charity, who came to speak to the children about the incredible work they do. The children learnt all about the different animals Woodgreen cares for, including dogs, cats, and small pets, and why some of these animals need help—often because they have been abandoned or can no longer be looked after by their owners. They discovered how the charity provides food, shelter, medical care, and training to help the animals recover and find new, loving homes. The children were also surprised to learn how much it costs to run the charity and how important donations are to keeping it going. One of the most memorable parts of the visit was hearing the stories of some of the dogs currently at Woodgreen, which really helped the children understand the importance of kindness and care towards all animals.

KS2 performed *Matilda the Musical* for their end-of-year play, showcasing incredible talent, confidence, and enthusiasm. With impressive acting, singing, and dancing, the pupils brought the story to life brilliantly. Families and staff were delighted by the performance, which was a joyful and memorable celebration of the children's hard work.





Reception were lucky enough to pay a visit to Sacrewell Farm recently. Particular highlights included taking part in a find the animal hunt, completing some 'What the Ladybird Heard' themed activities, and relaxing in the beautiful sensory garden. The children were an absolute credit to the school, and we were all so proud of how well they behaved. Upon our return, both classes were keen to write about our visit, and produced some lovely pieces of work.

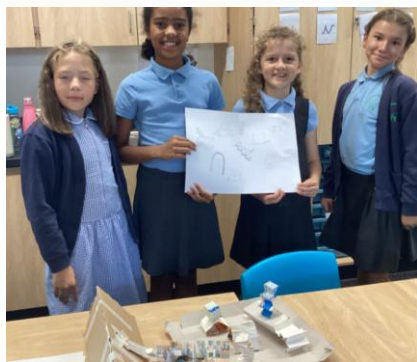
Years 1 and 2 had a wonderful time at Whipsnade Zoo! They were excited to put all their learning about Africa and its native animals to good use and were very lucky to see lions, giraffes, rhinos and elephants. They were able to see other species from Asia and Europe too. The children asked insightful questions and were really interested by the animal facts. It was lovely to see everyone thoroughly engaged and enjoying the view from each of the enclosures. Their behaviour was fantastic on such a hot day and the children should be proud of themselves.



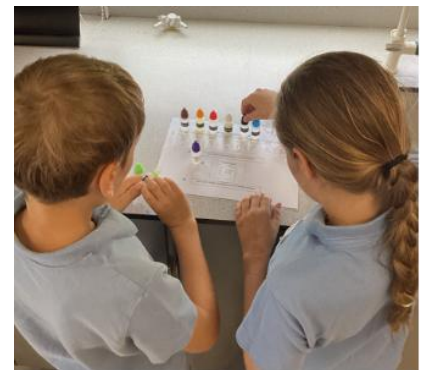
Year 3 went on a trip to The Tower of London. They were all very excited from the beginning, enjoying the train journey there. They then walked along the river Thames and over Tower Bridge before arriving at the Tower of London. Whilst there, the children were able to explore the White Tower where they saw the Royal Armouries. They also went and saw the Crown Jewels and asked lots of insightful questions and were able to relate this to their work on The Tudors. Later, the children listened to some exciting and interesting stories about The Tower of London which included how some people escaped The Tower of London and about some jewel thieves! Wilson Class represented the school beautifully, showing respect, maturity and inquisitiveness. They were even complimented on their behaviour by a member of public on the train! Overall, it was a wonderful day, and the children should all be so proud of themselves!



In Year 4, pupils have been exploring an exciting art unit focused on 3D sculpture. This project introduces students to the concept of turning flat, two-dimensional card shapes into dynamic three-dimensional structures. Using techniques such as folding, layering, cutting, and joining, children have learned how to manipulate card into forms that stand freely and interact with space. A key part of the learning involved distinguishing between 2D and 3D art, helping pupils understand how depth, volume, and structure transform a flat surface into a sculptural form. Pupils took inspiration from abstract shapes and real-world environments, especially the playground, where they observed curves, spirals, arches, and stacked forms. These everyday structures encouraged imaginative thinking and creative interpretation. The children planned and constructed their own 3D sculptures using a variety of card types and joining methods. The final results showcased a wide range of imaginative designs, demonstrating each pupil's individual creativity.



Year 5 had a fantastic time during their science morning at Longsands Academy. They spent part of the morning designing and making paper aeroplanes, testing how long they could fly and making clever adjustments to improve their performance. They also enjoyed a hands-on session in the science lab, learning about acids and alkalines by using a natural indicator made from red cabbage. The children were fascinated by the colour changes and asked thoughtful questions throughout. Their behaviour was superb, and they showed great enthusiasm for every activity. It was a fun, engaging morning that sparked real curiosity in science.



Year 6 had the privilege of attending a fascinating talk by the men who discovered Shackleton's ship, Endurance. Pupils were captivated by the incredible expedition, learning about the challenges of deep-sea exploration and the history of Antarctic exploration. It was an inspiring and educational experience that brought history to life.

Year 6 pupils engaged enthusiastically in their swimming lessons this July. The sessions provide an excellent opportunity to develop water confidence, improve technique, and promote physical wellbeing. Pupils demonstrate focus, determination, and teamwork, making the most of this valuable experience as they approach the end of their primary education.



### **SEND**

We have a SEND DLPT Facebook group which is only for the parents of SEND children in the DLPT. If you would like to join the group please use the following link to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/737433803299735/>

You may be asked for further information to verify that you are a parent of a SEND child and which school your child attends.

For those parents that are new to the school, 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:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/206660223237917/> The page is updated regularly with photographs and information of news and events.

Please can you remind your children that they are not allowed to climb any of the school fences at any time.

Please can I remind you not to encourage conversations with your children through the fence at break and lunchtimes. The children should be playing with their friends at these times. We have a duty of care to keep all of our children safe. If you need to get a message to your child, please call the school office.

Please try and make doctors and dental appointments in the school holidays or after school if at all possible. If you do have an appointment during the school day, please let the office know in advance and provide a copy of your appointment card. This should hopefully ensure that your child is not changed for P.E. at the back of the school field when you are in a rush to get to your appointment.

Term dates for the school year 2025/26 are provided in the diary dates section at the end of this newsletter. Please do not book any holidays during term time.

Please be aware that if a child vomits or has diarrhoea in school, they will be sent home immediately. Children with these conditions will not be accepted back into school until 24 hours after the last symptom has elapsed.

Please, if at all possible, could you walk to school with your children. If you have to drive, please can you park with consideration to our neighbours. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Uniform**

Please note that we would ask that when you are purchasing new shoes for your child to wear at school that 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

Navy blue sweatshirt

Sky blue polo shirt

White or grey socks and if tights are worn in winter they should be navy blue or grey

Navy fleece

Black shoes with closed heels and toes

Summer dress is navy and white checked

Please ensure skirts are knee length. P.E. shirts should be a plain white t-shirt. P.E. shorts should be loose fitting 'football' style, and not leggings or cycling shorts.

Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school with them and a sun hat when the weather is warmer. All children should have a named water bottle in school every day.

### **Email Communication**

We have an email communication system which allows us to communicate with parents by email and/or text message. I hope that everyone will remain in the scheme as this will save a lot of money currently being spent on paper and photocopying which can then be spent on the children and resources. Please ensure that your email address and mobile telephone number are kept up to date with the school office.

### **School Dinners**

Our in-house catering company, Diamond Diners, provide school meals for the children. Menus for the new term have been sent out separately. The cost of a meal at school will increase to **£2.65 per child** in September. You may order lunches on a daily basis but all school lunches must be paid for in advance or on the day taken. School is not allowed to give more than one day's credit per child.

### **Online Payments**

Our Arbor online payment system is available for meal payments, trips and to pay for Cygnets. If you still can't access the Arbor Parent Portal, please contact the school office. The Arbor app is available for both Android and Apple devices.

### **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.

### **Visits**

From time to time, classes are engaged in local studies to support the curriculum, meaning that they need to leave the school site for a short walk or visit, perhaps to the church, for example. We seek to use the locality in practical ways to support the children's learning and always ensure appropriate and adequate adult supervision. If any visit involves transport or alternative lunch arrangements you will always be informed in advance but for a short local excursion, perhaps dependent on fine weather conditions, you may not be.

### **Nut Allergy**

May I remind parents that children's packed lunches must not contain peanut butter or other snacks which contain nuts. Please be aware of all items which also 'may contain nuts' as stated on the packaging, as we have several children with allergies in school. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Summer Term 2025**

Monday 21st – Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	- Hilltop Residential Trip for Year 6
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	- End of Term

### **Autumn Term 2025**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	- Staff Training Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	- Staff Training Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	- start of Autumn Term for pupils
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	- Year 2 History Off The Page – Fire of London
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	- Year 5 & 6 Bikeability
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	- Year 4 History Off The Page – Victorians
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	- Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	- Staff Training Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	- Pupils return to school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	- End of Term

### **Spring Term 2026**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	- Term Starts
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	- Half Term
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	- End of Term

### **Summer Term 2026**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	- Staff Training Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	- Pupils return to school
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	- May Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	- KS2 SATs
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	- Half Term
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	- End of Term

Please be aware that we do occasionally need to alter some of these dates, but any alterations will be notified to parents.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tracy Bryden  
Executive Headteacher  
On behalf of Wintringham Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

If you would like to make any comments on the newsletter or anything to do with the school, please use the slip below.

To: Mrs Tracy Bryden, Executive Headteacher, Wintringham Primary Academy, Nuffield Road, St Neots, Cambridgeshire, PE19 OAW.

Child's Name:

Comment: