



# Winkfield St Mary's C of E Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 29th January 2021



**'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10**

Dear families,

I wanted to start once again by thanking you all for your support and encouragement – we send that back to you all too! I'm proud that our community is working together to keep everyone safe and particularly that we have been able to keep numbers in school low enough to maintain our 2m distancing within the bubbles. Given the higher viral load and transmission rates of the newer variants, our school will be following the advice from SAGE (23/12) in maintaining our hierarchy of control measures, including 2m distancing between children and staff. This has made the staff running the bubbles feel far safer during this time when they have to be in school.

That said, our numbers in the 2 younger bubbles are such that they are now full. As a small school, staffing the bubbles throughout the day is a significant logistical problem, as currently 3 members of staff are off and the number of non-teaching staff has reduced in recent years due to budget cuts.

### Parent Survey

I have come across some research into remote learning being run by The Education Endowment Foundation – a well-known and well thought of organisation in educational research.

The [Education Endowment Foundation](#), Teacher Tapp and [Parent Ping](#) are working together to understand what learning is (or isn't!) happening in pupils' homes while they are unable to attend school in the normal way due to Covid-19. Parents will be asked to download the free Parent Ping app and answer a few simple questions each day, in exchange for opportunities to win Chromebooks and vouchers.

I think this will be a great way to gather feedback nationally, but if more than 60 parents sign up then we get the specific data for our school. I have expressed an interest and will send further information to parents once I hear back. <https://teachertapp.co.uk/the-big-lockdown-learning-parent-survey/>

Congratulations on all of the hard work that families are putting in to continue children's learning at home. It's been a busy week and the Seesaw stats reflect this!

January 23 - January 29 at Winkfield Saint Mary's CofE Primary School

**4,677**

Posts Added  
(Last 7 days)

**3,723**

Comments  
(Last 7 days)

**2,751**

Likes of Student Work  
(Last 7 days)

**550**

Visits by Family Members  
(Last 7 days)

Keep on keeping on everyone!

Stay safe

Miss J Evans  
Headteacher

### Star of the Week

Reception	Isabella
Year 1	Vinnie
Year 2	Brandon
Year 3	Sophia T
Year 4	Grace & Hanna
Year 5	Finley
Year 6	Jack

### Diary Dates

#### 2021

<b>Monday 15th—Friday 19th February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 30th March	Easter Service 2pm
<b>Thursday 1st April</b>	<b>SPRING TERM ENDS</b>
<b>Monday 19th April</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM STARTS</b>
<b>Monday 3rd May</b>	<b>Early May Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday 18th May	Life Education Bus visit
Wednesday 19th May	Life Education Bus visit
<b>Friday 28th May</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 7th June</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
Monday 14th June	Class Photos
<b>Wednesday 21st July</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM ENDS</b>

#### 2021-2022

<b>Wednesday 1st September</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Thursday 2nd September</b>	<b>AUTUMN TERM STARTS</b>
Tuesday 12th October	Harvest Service 2pm
<b>Friday 22nd October</b>	<b>Inset Day — School closed</b>
<b>Monday 25th Oct—Friday 29th Oct</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Friday 3rd December	Year 1 & 2 to Panto
Tuesday 14th December	KS2 Carol Service 6pm